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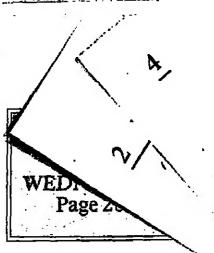
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UN fine-tunes resolution

Nato prepares for air attack against Serbia

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Binyon

NATO yesterday moved to draw up contingency plans to stop the spread of fighting in former Yugoslavia, on the eve of an international conference in Geneva that will look at the military options for stemming Serbian aggression.

As pressure mounted for intervention and the enforcement of the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Western members of the United Nations Security Council worked on a resolution allowing Serbian aircraft violating the "no-fly" zone to be shot

Britain continued to voice strong reservations, in Westminster and at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in Stock-holm. John Major told MPs



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he would not be stampeded into supponing a measure that would require Western aircraft to patrol the skies and shoot down aircraft, risking the safety of the British humanitarian convoys and possi-

bly triggering reprisals. Stockholm, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, refused to commit Britain to enforcing the "no-fly" resolu-tion, and voiced opposition to any lifting of the UN arms embargo on Bosnia.

In New York, however, the US and European members of the security council were last night fine-tuning a resolution that would authorise strikes against aircraft violating the "no-fly" zone, with the Ameri-cans pressing for the right to bomb airports. The wording has not been decided, and the resolution is not expected to be adopted until after the Serbian presidential election on De-

Today's meeting in Geneva, attended by foreign ministers from 20 countries, will take

■ Today's Geneva conference will be a crucial step in deciding whether military action is to be taken to stem Serbian aggression in Bosnia. Britain is reluctant, but international pressure is building

stock of the slow peace negoti-ations. Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, the two mediators, are likely to oppose outside mili-tary intervention, which they believe will wreck the chance of further negotiations. Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali,

the UN secretary-general, has written to Manired Worner, the Nato secretary general, asking Nato to keep the UN informed about further miliambassadors of the Nato member states, including France, agreed in Brussels yesterday to begin formal military planning on Monday for the first time. The priorities are how to use aircraft to enforce the UN ban on military flights over Bosnia; creating safe havens for civilians; spreading to areas like Macedonia and Kosovo.

Nato's contingency plans do not yet include sending in large numbers of combat troops to try to end the

Enforcement of the "no-fly" zone could pose serious diffi-culties for the Americans. Of the 230 or so flights which have been spotted since the UN ban on October 3, not all have been Serbian violations.

Pressure on the government to support direct Western intervention grew after John Smith told Parliament that the "appalling suffering" in Bos-nia justified the limited use of force. The Labour leader sided with Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and the steadily growing number of Conservative MPs

demanding military action. Mr Ashdown, speaking in a BBC radio interview from Sarajevo, said that the city was dying a slow death. Britain had the power to bring peace; its "shame" was that it had

decided it was not worth it. Britain has some 2,500 troops in Bosnia guarding the convoys, more than any other

country, and ministers are reluctant to expose them to even greater risks. Mr Major said: "We have to weigh the desirability of enforcing a 'nofly zone against the possible impact of that on the UN humanitarian effort and on

the safety of our own troops." A plea by the government of Bosnia to lift the UN's arms embargo fell on deaf ears at the Stockholm meeting yester-day. Mr Hurd said: "We would be against anything which poured more westons into a part of Europe which is already full of weapons.

The final declaration adopted by the CSCE conveys the request of "some states" that the security council "continues to consider lifting the arms embargo against the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina" Russia reportedly led a group opposed to stronger action on

the issue of an arms embargo. The CSCE also called for the creation of safe areas for the protection of Bosnian civilians; decided to increase the size of CSCE missions in Kosovo, Sandjak, Vojvodina and Macedonia; and warned leaders of Serbia that if their aggressive policies continued "sterner action" would be taken to ensure compliance

with relevant UN resolutions. Mr Hurd will today arrive in Geneva from Stockholm, going on tomorrow to Brussels for a Nato foreign ministers' meeting which will discuss ways of developing the alli-ance's integrated military structure for "crisis manage-

However, the French, who are not part of the integrated structure, are saying that peacekeeping is a new role for the alliance and they insist that a different decision-mak-ing system is needed.

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Abducted Israeli policeman killed

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI soldiers yesterday recovered the bound body of a policeman two days after he was kidnapped near Tel Aviv by Muslim fundamentalist Births, marriages, gunmen seeking the release of a jailed leader. Concise Crossword Israel Radio said a preliminary examination showed Staff Sergeant Nissim Toledano had Court and Social. Law Report. been strangled and stabbed on Monday. His body, left near a



Bedouin woman. The abductors threatened on Sunday to kill the sergeant unless Shaikh Ahmed Yassin, founder of the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement, was set free by Israeli authorities. He is serving a life sentence.

The body was found as security forces completed a sweep against Hamas activists, ar-resting 1,200 Palestinians in a crackdown that appeared to go beyond seeking clues about the abduction. Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, told par-liament: "Toledano was killed despite the readiness of Israel to talk with the kidnappers". The killing also went

road between Jerusalem and

the Dead Sea in the occupied West Bank, was found by a

against the explicit instructions of Shaikh Yassin, who urged the kidnappers from his cell to give negotiations a chance. The shaikh, who is wheelchair-bound, was con-victed last year of ordering the killing of alleged Palest-inianian collaborators.

Right-wing MPs reacted sharply to the killing, the first of its kind since Hamas militants kidnapped two soldiers in 1989. One of the bodies was never found.

Rafael Eitan, leader of the far-right Tsomet party, said: "I would now take Shaikh Yassin before a military tribunal, give him a death sentence, and execute him." But Mr Rabin urged calm and said the government would combat Hamas and other militant groups while keeping up efforts to reach Arab-Israeli

Police last night reinforced units countrywide to deter reprisals after crowds chanted 'Death to the Arabs" in Lod, Toledano's home town, which is a mixed community.

Activists jailed, page 11



Drop of life: a Somali mother helping her daughter to drink from a plastic water container while washing her yesterday on the road near a Baidoa feeding centre

Bishop ordered to rest



Bishop Ball: complaint

was filed by novice

By PETER VICTOR

THE Bishop of Gloucester was resting yesterday on the orders of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, after being arrested and questioned by police in connection with an allegation of indecency with a novice monk. The Gloucester diocese confirmed

Ball, 60, was questioned and Inspector Mike Pennington, of Gloucester police, said: "I can confirm that, after a complaint of indecency, we arrested a 60-year-old man. After questioning, he was re-leased without charge on bail pending further inquiries." Trumo. Scotland Yard confirmed it

that the Right Reverend Peter

had received an initial complaint, reportedly from a 17year-old novice, at Brixton

police station on Saturday morning, and said the matter had been turned over to Gloucestershire police. The Church will hold its own

enquiry. Bishop Ball, one of the most colourful characters in the House of Bishops, shuns the robes of office in favour of a simple monk's habit. He is an identical twin — his appointment as Bishop of Gloucester last year came after the enthronement in 1990 of his brother, the Right Reverend Michael Ball, as Bishop of

Canon Andy Radford, Gloucester diocesan press officer, said: "Allegations of indecent behaviour have apparently been made by one Continued on page 2, col 5

Yeltsin Gunmen strike as Baidoa awaits aid

FROM SAM KILEY

BULLETS slammed yesterday into the walls of the compound owned by the Irish charity Goal. We scrambled desperately for cover in the crammed corridor of the fortified bungalow. American troops are beginning to fan out from Moga-dishu, but slowly and belatedly. The Gunmen are still running amok.

The attack, by some of the

agency's own guards, app-cared to have been a mistake part of the anarchy which is Somalia. The dispute erupted after one local Somali manager accused another of stealin \$2,000 from the agency.

One manager leapt a wait, and has not been seen since. In the dark tropical night, armed supporters of the two men collided and opened fire.

A bodyguard employed by The Times, Nur Ahmed Osman, 19, was shot in the thigh during the mayhem. Journal-ists became medics. He was injected with valium and taken to the (still functioning) Baidoa hospital. Relatives expect him to be paid at least \$500: Westerners call it compensation.

This was the second night attack since Goal was evacuated under protest by its Dublin headquarters. Since the United States announced its inten tion to end the civil war and get supplies to two million starving people, few aid agen-cies in Baidoa have escaped the gunmen. .

Looting is not the sole motivation. Sometimes attacks involve grudges; at others they seem spontaneous combustions of ancient clan rivalries. US troops were expected here early this morning. Last night we waited, the stillness broken by the unmistakable sound of weapons being cleaned and cocked.

Troops cheered, page 11

claims his reforms are still on course

FROM ANNE MCELVOY

PRESIDENT Yehsin of Russia yesterday sought to reas-sure supporters at home and abroad that they need not fear for continuation of his reforms, even though he has been forced to accept Viktor

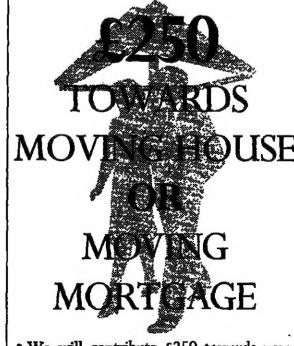
Chernomyrdin, a conserva-tive, as his prime minister. At a Kremlin meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, he said that commitment to the free market had been maintained despite the threat from the Congress of People's Deputies. "The main result was that we man-aged to maintain our reform course despite great pressure from the conservative wing ...
of course both Congress and
the president were obliged to
make certain compromises, but in politics that is an ordinary occurrence."

Congress ended its extended convention on Monday by rejecting Mr Yeltsin's call to confirm Yegor Gaidar, the radical economist, as prime minister and favouring Mr Chernomyrdin, who is considered to represent the interests of the powerful industrial lobby. Key cabinet ministers who threatened to resign if Mr Gaidar was dropped yesterday were waiting to hear more of the new leader's plans.

Mr Yeltsin was clearly re lieved to be over his battles with the legislature. He left on Monday without the tradition-al closing speech, telling aides he had nothing more to say. His decision to withdraw his

support for Mr Gaidar has brought upon him the wrath of many hitherto loyal democrats; it risks losing him the broad support of the liberal Democratic Russia movement which helped him to power. Father Gleb Yakımın, an avid Continued on page 2, col 3

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Smart rap on the knuckles for the slow-learners

t was an educational day in the chamber, but hardly a lesson in the most upto-date teaching methods. There were questions to John Patten, the education secretary, and a move by the government to shrink the debating period for the lengthy education bill, a sort of revised

timetable for timetables. Of course, one does not go to the House of Commons to swot up on the latest educational techniques, any more than one drops in on the House of Windsor for advice on marital harmony. But a brief visit by a few schools inspectors might be all that is needed to bring the chamber up to scratch on current class-

room thinking.
It may be time that MPs wore their learning less lightly: a case less of "physician, heal thyself, more of "educators. sit down and take notes". On

Blatch

warns

teachers

By JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT BARONESS Blatch, the

education minister, yester-day took a tough line with teachers and parents who are threatening to boycott next year's national curric-

ulum tests for 14-year-olds. The National Union of

Teachers is canvassing opinion on a possible boycott of the English tests,

and a national pressure group is meeting next month to plan a parents' campaign. A co-ordinated

withdrawal of pupils from

the tests will be considered.

Lady Blatch warned

teachers that they would be

in breach of contract if they

refused to administer tests

for 14-year-olds and par-

ents would be breaking the

law if they withdrew their

"A: boycott would be

almost a confidence trick

on young people," Lady Blatch said at a news

conference in London. It

would be "extraordinary"

for teachers to deny pupils a trial run before GCSE examinations. "If they don't get that, it will be

back to the bad old days of

entry at five and the very

first time pupils will be

formal way will be at 16."

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In the House of Com-

mons. Eric Forth, the ju-

nior education minister.

rejected pleas to delay the

tests for a year. He said that

pilots had been carried out,

and the main assessment

in English, mathematics and science would go

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ahead next summer.

children from school.

the face of it, one might well consider the Commons nothing but a glorified classroom. There was Patten, dressed in his grey suit, and a face that swings from the dark look of a master about to deliver a caning to the warm smile of a headteacher dishing out silver

cups on prize day. Fidgety boys sit in the back rows: cheeky ones chatter throughout Nicholas Soames, the food minister, sat nursing a bandaged index finger, presumably stuck in one plum pie too many from the tuck shop. A few select girls are allowed in to the upper sixth to inject an element of co-education. Most pupils wear the uni-

form of dark suit. Teacher's pets shoot up their arms to ask questions, slouches are caught out (yesterday it was the touslehaired Conservative Michael Fabricant who went red and began to splutter when sud-



JOE JOSEPH

denly chosen to speak - "a seasonal gesture of goodwill", explained Madam Speaker). Had the school inspectors stayed on for the indiscipline of prime minister's questions, or . worse, for John MarGregor, the transport secretary, giving a statement on comment funding for local

government funding for local road projects or, worse still, John Prescott's response for Labour, they might have forced the Commons to opt out immediately so that the place could be slapped into shape. An inspector might suggest that Prescott delete every other word of his speeches, which would shorten them considerably without impairing our comprehension. Even the

POLITICAL SKETCH spelling-and-grammar-obsessed Patten is becoming sloppy. Hailing fine schools in poor areas such as Toxteth, he Treasury Rap: boomed: "We should all be looking at those beacon schools of excellence, who I

> ou cannot help feeling that Patten would benefit from looking forwards a little, to new techniques, rather than backwards to fussy old ones. There is nothing more fashionable than rap-style teaching. American pupils now learn multiplication tables through rap verse, such as: "Seven times five is thirty-five, if you get that

congratulate." Who I

right, you can jump and jive."
The government could do worse than borrow this idea. It could even reach by example. delivering information to pu-pils in the Commons with snappy rap verse. To set John Major on his way, we can offer a Rap Starter Pack.

Pound's up, pound's down, why should we care? That's what Treasury hot shots ask when they dare, But don't hang the blame on the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Cos he gets upset when he's called "Economy Wrecker".
Foreign Office Rap:
Our in-tray's piled high with briefs about Serbs And whether we should take part in military curbs. But we always act alone, so please don't push. At least until we've agreed to do the same as Bush.

Education Ministry Rap: The man at education, they call him John Patten, He gets so riled people say. "John, keep your hat on" He's always droning on about hell and damnation, They're what lie in store if you fail his examination. Trade And Industry Rap:

Michael 'Mike' Heseltine, boss of the Board of Trade, Takes a decision and sticks to it, he's not afraid, Like when he closed all the coal pits, he would not sway, Until a national uproar changed his mind the next

Public Services Rap: Young Willie Waldegrave is dreaming up charters. For passengers and patients and parents just for starters, All citizens will have the right to claim money back, Unless it's the government they feel deserves the sack.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya edges towards UK Lockerbie trial

Gilbey

man v

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya has chosen a leading Egyptian lawyer to be chief defence counsel for the two Libyans accused of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing (Christopher Walker writes from Cairo). The decision could be a first step to handing the alleged bombers over for trial in Britain. according to the Cairo opposition daily newspaper Al Wafd.

Any such move would reverse the Libyan position maintained since arrest warrants were issued in November last year. The Gaddafi regime has repeatedly refused a trial in Britain or America, saying that it would be biased against the

accused, who face charges of murder and conspiracy. Al Wafd reported that Ahmed al-Khawaga, 66, head of the Egyptian Lawyers Syndicate, had been asked to lead a defence team that would include four Britons. "Intensive contacts are currently being held with the British government to fix the date of the trial, expected to be held early next January." Al Wafd said. Egyptian sources said that the key to any change in Libya's stand was a statement to the Commons in November by John Major reassuring Tripoli that the two men would receive a fair trial in Scotland.

Raider gets 24 years

A jail-breaker was sentenced yesterday to a total of 24 years for his part in armed raids in which three security guards were shot. Mr Justice May said that he regarded Paul Bryant, 29, as the leader in the 1991 raids against eash and delivery vanis in Cheltenham and Brockworth. He sentenced Mark Cunliffe, also 29, to a total of 17 years for his role in the raids.

The jury at Bristol Crown Court was told that a masked guaman shot and wounded two guards. Thomas Cottrell and Wilfred Lane, as they made a delivery at Lloyds Bank in Cheltenham. The judge said it was only by the grace of God and the skill of surgeons that neither man died, but they would suffer physically and psychologically for the rest of their lives. Bryant was also found guilty of an attempted robbery at Brockworth in 1991 and he admitted being an economy from Cantarium, Brigan escaper from Canterbury Prison.

HIV law ruled out

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, yesterday ruled out creating a criminal offence of knowingly transmitting HIV. Lawyers said the decision means that action over deliberate transmission of the Aids virus will be left to existing criminal laws or to the civil law of damages. Mr Clarke said in a Commons written reply that he was aware of concern about the issue, but had concluded: "There are difficulties both of principle and practice in bringing this type of behaviour within the scope of the criminal law and I am not persuaded that these difficulties have been overcome in other jurisdictions." The announcement follows a review set up in

Farmer pays for protest

A farmer who dumped four tonnes of manure on a council doorstep after a dispute over planning permission for a retirement bungalow was ordered to pay the £1.138.56 bill for cleaning up the mess. The target of David Cannon, 63, of Dalton, Northamberland, was Castle Morpeth council's planning department but his barrage with a muck-spreader hit the housing offices. Magistrates at Bedlington, Northumberland, were told how a stone shattered a window and farmyard slurry spattered inside. Workers dived for cover. Mr Cannon had admitted using threatening behaviour but denied criminal damage. Magistrates also imposed £40 costs but no further penalty.

Pensioner abused girl

A pensioner with a 30-year history of preying on young girls was yesterday described by a judge as "one of the country's most dangerous sex offenders". Ronald Davis. 67, was convicted of two indecent assaults on a girl aged eight and was remanded in custody for a pre-sentence report. Judge Graham Neville told Exeter Crown Court that Davis had 20 previous sex convictions including unlawful intercourse and kidnapping. He befriended his latest victim's family after moving near their home. He assaulted her on a beach but the girl, giving evidence by video link, said she was too scared to tell anyone. When he sexually abused her on a country walk five days later she told her mother.

Boxer wins libel case

The former boxing champion Terry Marsh has won libel damages in the High Court from the publisher of the men's magazine For Him. The court was told that an interview magazine For Film. The court was told that an interview three years ago with Frank Warren, Mr Marsh's former manager, contained a "highly offensive" allegation. The publisher apologised and agreed to pay the legal costs of Mr Marsh, 34, of Wickford, Essex, who is a former holder of the world light welterweight title. On October 30, Mr Warren lost a libel action against Mr Marsh over a 1989 television interview in which Mr. Marsh original to the house of the second content of the interview in which Mr Marsh said that Mr Warren had allowed him to sign a fight contract while knowing that he

Lamplugh case remand

A Frenchman charged with attempting to kidnap Elizabeth Lamplugh, sister of the missing estate agent Suzy, was remanded in custody by Oxford magistrates yesterday. Anthony Bourgois, 20, of no fixed address, was charged with attempting to kidnap Miss Lamplugh in Oxford on Sunday and with threatening to kill her, robbing her of her car, and possessing two knives and a scalpel without lawful excuse. The offences are said to have hancened outside her home in The offences are said to have happened outside her home in

MPs urged to recall impact of opposition to Nazism

Parallels are being drawn between the Nazi Holocaust of 50 years ago, which inspired an outraged parliamentary moral stand, and evidence of atrocities in Bosnia

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

THE outraged moral stand taken by Parliament 50 years ago against Hitler's extermination of the Jews should inspire MPs faced with the resurgence of Nazism across Europe and atrocities in Bosnia, the historian Martin Gilbert said last night.

The Allied declaration against Germany atrocities, which was issued simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow on December 17, 1942, had an "unparalleled impact" on the Western conscience, Mr Gilbert, Churchill's official biographer, told a special meeting to mark the anniversary at the

Houses of Parliament. "It is possible for the House of Commons by its actions to draw attention to what is happening. Wherever it is that there is an abuse of human rights, if the House acts, then it makes a difference" he said. A group of MPs, led by Greville Janner, is to put down an early-day motion updating the declaration. It was read to MPs half a century ago by Anthony Eden, the foreign secretary, revealing that the Germany authorities, not content with denying to persons of Jewish race in all territories

over which their barbarous rule has been extended the most elementary human rights, are now carrying into effect Hitler's oft-repeated intentions to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe."

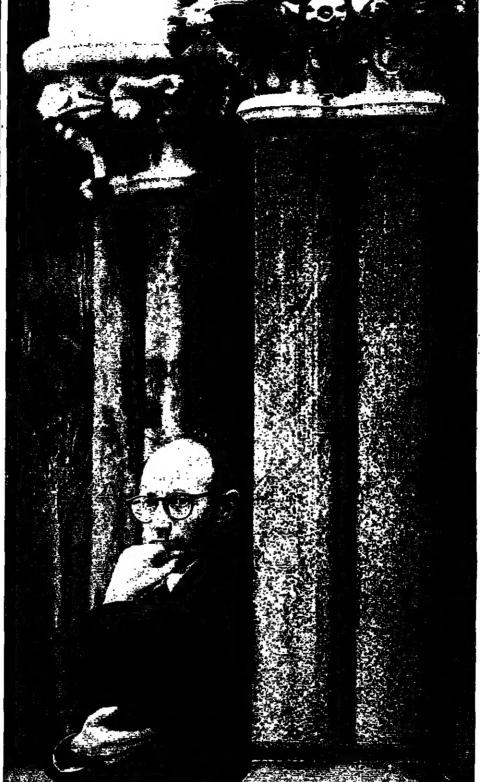
The House was so appalled by the confirmation of its worst fears that hundreds of thousands had died that it stood in silence for a minute, the first such gesture in parlia-

mentary history.
The following day The Times saluted the "memorable scene", commenting: "With every circumstance of calculated and diabolic cruelty the engine of the totalitarian State is being used to grind out the life of that ancient, much-enduring race. . . It is a terrible thing to outrage the conscience of mankind; and a terrible reck-

oning awaits the guilty." By December 1942 more than four million Jews had already been slaughtered at some of the death camps, such as Cheimno, Auschwitz, Treblinka and Beizec, destinations referred to in the British press

as "the unknown places". Mr Gilbert said that the testimony of 69 Palestinian Jews released from Nazi captivity had revealed the extent of the horror but failed to convince all Allied powers. The US wanted to modify the declaration so it would not give the total approval of the Western governments — merely 'it is reported that' — but the

British government insisted." Lord Merlyn-Rees, chair of the parliamentary war crimes group, said that contemporary events in Europe made the memory of the declaration all the more important. "There's a relevance today, there's no question about it. I recently heard a group of East Germans, brought up under com-munism, mouthing exactly the same things as the Nazis. It shows a circularity in politics". Lord Beloff, the historian and fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, said it was "important to mark such an occasion, especially with the world as it appears today".



Life in his hands: Dr Jim Howe outside the House of Lords during the hearing

Law lords may delay decision on Hillsborough man's future

DR JIM Howe, who is caring for the Hillsborough totim Tony Bland, may have to wait until mid-January for a judgment from the House of Lords on whether it would be lawful to switch off his feeding machine (Kate Alderson

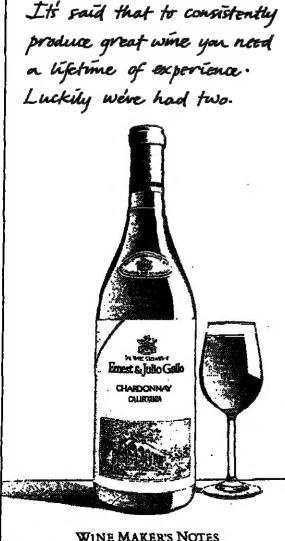
Legal representatives from Airedale NHS trust said yesterday that they believed the five law lords would reserve judgment and give no indication of their decision until early or mid-January. Mr Bland has been in a persistent vegetative state for more than three years since suffering chest injuries at the football stadium disaster. Medical experts, including Dr Howe, say there is no prospect of recovery.

This delay will disappoint Dr Howe and Mr

Bland's parents, Allan and Barbara, who had hoped for a ruling before Christmas. Last month David Venables, the Official Solicitor, indicated that he hoped a decision would be made before the end of the year.

The High Court and Court of Appeal have already ruled that it would be lawful to withdraw nutrition and hydration from Mr Bland and at both hearings judges said they hoped the matter would be rapidly resolved to minimise the distress suffered by Mr Bland's

Lord Mustill said yesterday during the hearing: "What is being said in this case is that he should be starved to death, based on an assessment of his quality of life."



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Yeltsin says reforms are still on course

supporter since mid-1991, said he considered Mr Cher-

nomyrdin the symbol of a brake on reforms and said Democratic Russia would be unable to campaign further for the president.

But the new prime minister disputed his reputation as an opponent of radical change, saying: "I never gave anyone reason to proclaim that the course of reforms would alter under my leadership. I am for deepening the reforms. There is no way back."

Mr Chernomyrdin, formerly the energy minister, said that the thrust of policies pursued by the Yeltsin-Gaidar team would have to be changed to halt the slump in industrial production and that he supported subsidies on fuel prices, a policy which contradicts the recommendations of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. He

did, however, throw his support behind the government's privatisation programme.

Mr Chernomyrdin failed to dispel concerns that he intended to reverse the shock-therapy treatment intended to steer Russia towards a market economy. He was "in favour of the market, but not the bazaar". indicating a reluctance to take the risks of deep economic

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, said the government needed new policies. "We might make a step backwards here and there in order to move forwards more confidently," he said. "But there can be no retreat from the main thrust of democratic and market reform." He told the West not to panic at Mr Gaidar's loss: "Don't look at the personality; look at policy."

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Bishop questioned by police Continued from page 1 person against the Bishop of Gloucester, Bishop Peter Ball. The bishop has given a state-

ment to the police. Canon Radford said: "It must be emphasised that no charges have been brought against the bishop and the allegations are unsubstantiated. Moreover, the bishop has a proven record of outstanding pastoral work, particularly amongst young people. The Archbishop of Canterbury has

been informed and has been in touch with Bishop Peter. "The archbishop has in-structed Bishop Peter to take a rest from his official duties and avoid the glare of publicity while these distressing allegations are investigated. The archbishop has Bishop Peter in his prayers at this difficult

He said the bishop was in hiding. "I have spoken to him and he is obviously feeling very tired."

The Right Rev Jeremy relationships with anyone." A Leading article, page 15 | Walsh. Bishop of Tewkesbury spokesman said that the nov-

and Bishop Ball's assistant, said: "This is a very great with the order. shock. People in the diocese will be devastated that these

am personally extremely sorry. They have of course been denied by Bishop Peter." The church is seeking a senior figure to carry out its investigation, the results of which will be reported directly to the archbishop. The bish-

allegations have been made. I

op's official duties are being taken over by Bishop Walsh. in the 1960s, the Ball brothers founded the monastic Community of the Glorious Ascension. The order had a creed based on celibacy, pover-

ty and obedience. Brother Kenneth, prior of the order, now based in Telford, Shropshire, said: Members are called to be chaste and, in modern terms, must not sleep around. If they do not have a lifelong partner, they are not supposed to be sleeping with or having sexual

ice was in no way connected

Bishop Ball quit the post of prior of the community in 1977 to become suffragan bishop of Lewes, East Sussex. "The two bishops are still part of the order, but have been released from certain requirements." Brother Kenneth said. "They still remain chaste and celibate, but are released from the vows of poverty." When told of the allegations, he said: "I don't believe it. I can't say any more until I've

spoken to Peter." Bishop Ball professes an unlikely attachment to the joys of housework: "I simply love charging round with a duster, I'm quite fanatical about it. It's one of the only jobs I do where I can actually see a result."

As suffragan bishop of Lewes, he became a close friend of Ian Gow, the Conservative MP, murdered by the IRA in 1990. He went on to become a founder member of the Thatcher Foundation set up by Margaret Thatcher.

MPs fear pensions loophole

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND JILL SHERMAN

COMPANY pension funds will remain at risk from unscrupulous employers unless loopholes in pension fund regulation are closed, says an all-party committee of MPs.

In its submission to Professor Roy Goode's pension law review committee, which was set up after the Maxwell scandal, the Commons social security committee gives warning that a "drawing of lessons" from the Maxwell affair will not prevent similar abuses occuring. There is still "little or nothing" to stop an employer gaining access to pension fund assets and misusing them, the

committee says. The document will be followed next month by a report on the extent of the recovery of the Maxwell

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Gilbey gin man wins £85,000 over wrong arrest

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

perfectly clear I had not be-haved in the way alleged but

unless you have a wife to stand

by you as my dear wife did, it

would be very difficult to go

even cross-questioned my wife at home while I was being held without telling her why. They frightened the life out of

Edward Garnier, his coun-

l, told Mr Justice Allion that Mr Gilbey was unaware when he went into the cubicle that

police were watching the lava-

tories because instances of

gross indecency had caused public disquiet in the

Police sent a message over their radio to say that Mr Gilbey was committing acts of

gross indecency with another

man, but he was doing no such thing, said Mr Garnier. Nor was he guilty of conduct

likely to cause a breach of the peace, which was the reason

the police gave for his arrest. During ten hours of question-

ing, police also wrongly ac-

cused him of being concerned in the murder of a woman

whose body was found on land

belonging to his wife's family.

for the Chief Constable of

Suffolk, said it was conceded

that Mr Gilbey should not

have been arrested, detained

charged or committed to trial. He was not guilty of criminal misconduct and Suffolk police

apologised unreservedly for the damage to his feelings,

good name and reputation.
Mr Gilbey, a father of three,
of White Lion House,

Wangford, near Beccles, in Suffolk, and Chelsea, west London, whose action includ-

ed a claim for general, aggra-vated and exemplary dam-ages, estimated his prosecu-tion cost the public £200,000.

He has received two undis-

closed libel payments from the

News of the World and the

from reports of the allegations.

Evening Standard resulting

Benjamin Browne, counsel

Mr Gilbey, who was awarded £50,000 damages and £35,000 costs, added: "They

ANTHONY Gilbey, a member of the gin family, was awarded £85,000 damages and costs against the police yesterday for a three-year ordeal which began with his

ordeal which began with his wrongful arrest for gross indecency in a public lavatory in June 1989.

Officers keeping routine watch observed him in surgical stockings and a corset in a cubicle in Beccles, Suffolk, the High Court was told but he High Court was told, but he was wearing them because of

thrombosis in his legs.

Mr Gilbey, 59, a great grand-nephew of Sir Walter Gilbey, one of the founders of the gin empire, was accused of committing gross indecency with another man. He was acquitted at Ipswich Crown Court in 1990, on the direc-tion of the trial judge, because of the unreliability of police evidence.

After successfully suing Suf-folk police for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, he spoke of the three and a half years of absolute hell" that he and his wife, Lady Penelope Gilbey.

had endured after the arrest. He said: "You hear about these things happening but it to you. I was locked up and after they failed to browbeat a confession out of me they then tried to link me to a murder. Some people might have just confessed, but not me. I was prepared to fight them. It was



Gilbey: falsely accused of gross indecency

Tate plans

gallery for its hidden modern art

By Alison Roberts

AFTER years of indecision, the Tate Gallery in London is to establish a museum of modern art to display twenti-eth century masterpieces of-ten hidden from view. Only 15 per cent of the

Tate's modern collection is on show at any one time. The Tate's trustees propose to turn the existing gallery building in Millbank, central London, into a museum of works by British artists such as Ho-garth, Blake, Turner, Consta-ble and Sickert, and to build a new gallery to display international modern art, in an attempt to rival the Pompi-dou Centre in Paris and the Museum of Modern Art in New York

Yesterday's announcement represents what the gallery calls its biggest policy decision since the second world war. Expansion plans have been discussed for the past 18 months. While the logistics of the new building are being determined, the trustees will seek a temporary bome for the modern works.

A donation of \$10 million

(£6.5 million) from an anonymous American will be used to develop the northwest quadrant of the existing gal-iery as the first step in the creation of the Tate Gallery of British Art. Refurbishment will begin in 1994 and will take two years.

The new building, which may cost as much as £100 million, is partly reliant upon government money. The Tate trustees propose that it comes from the earnings of the national lottery and in particular from the Millennium Fund. The heritage department said that the scheme was dependent on the processful dependent on the successful passage of the lottery bill, due to be presented to the Commons tomorrow. The department expects to be besieged with similar bids for money.

Dennis Stevenson; chairman of the trustees, said that the gallery could match gov-ernment funds by raising money from private donors.



National lottery funds sought for £100m expansion

Fighting for space: Picasso's Weeping Woman, currently kept in store, would find room in the new gallery

There is a considerable constituency of people who would expect London to have a major museum of modern art and we believe some of them are willing to support the project with money." The

trustees have been reviewing sites for the new museum, but have no definite area in mind. Plans to convert Battersea power station have been dropped because of the cost. Nicholas Serota, director of

the Tate, said that the number of visitors to the London gallery increased last year and accessibility was the primary consideration. "Consumer interest in the visual arts repre-

national life." The Tate's two sites out of London, in Liverpool and St Ives, Cornwall, will not be affected by the development. Proposals to build a further gallery in Norwich have been dropped.

Province Europe's bugging blackspot

BY EDWARD GORMAN RELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE disclosure that police are investigating an apparent IRA telephone of John Hume, leader of the SDLP, reinforces the belief that bugging and eavesdropping are more rife in Northern Ireland than any other country of the European Community.

In the latest episode, Mr in Bogside, Londonderry, was found to have been listened to from a house five doors away. Tapes found in the basement of the house are believed to include conversations between Mr Hume and John Major. the prime minister. Yesterday police confirmed that their investigation into the tapes was continuing but refused to

comment further. Virtually all the paramilitary groups in the province have involved themselves in surreptitious snooping, as have state agencies including Army intelligence, the police, MI5 and

The IRA has been tapping phones since the early 1970s and is known to have infiltrat-ed BT. In 1974 one of its most ed BT. In 1974 one of its most successful taps was placed in a telephone junction box between Belfast and Lisburn, where the headquarters of Army intelligence in Northern Ireland is based. The Provisionals were able to listen in the based of the provisional of in to hundreds of conver-

The tapping of Mr Hume is not the first time the IRA has focused its attentions on the Social Democratic and Labour Party. It was strongly suspected of having bugged a meeting held at a hotel at Carrigart, county Donegal, in 1981. Details of confidential discussions were published at length soon after in Republican News, the Sinn Fein

newspaper.

The state has at various times allegedly bugged the phones of politicians, including Mr Hume, paramilitaries and invalists. and journalists.

All phone taps in Northern Ireland are supposed to be authorised by the secretary of state, but it has been alleged that many more have been deployed than officially authorised, especially during

007's file is sold for £14,300

IAN Fleming's notes outlining the tastes and quirks of James Bond and ideas for his adventures sold for £14,300 at Sotheby's yesterday.

The "James Bond file" was bought by the author's nephew and two nieces, Nicholas Fleming, Lucy Fleming and Kate Grimond. They said they were determined to keep the file in the family. The proceeds, which were considerably below the estimate, will go towards the London Library

appeal.
Dating from July 1957
until the author's death in 1964, the 128-page loose-leaf notebook, offered for sale by the author's stepdaughter Fionn Morgan, consists of notes, either typewritten or jotted down, under headings such as people, crime and food. They were used by the author as a quarry for ideas.

At the same sale, Sir Nicholas Henderson, former British Ambassador to Washington and a close friend of Fleming, paid £418 for a dark blue suit and a pair of gold monogrammed slippers belonging to the author. Because Sir Nicholas was also the vendor of those items, his action amounted to a donation to the London Library, which is seek-£2 million to house 100,000 books.

Leading article, page 15 by Pieter de Hooch which

Christie's cuts 60 jobs in auction slump

By Sarah Jane Checkland, saleroom correspondent

to make 60 employees redundant, it was announced yesterday. Christopher Davidge, the managing director, said costs were being cut "in a market where the level of sales remains relatively low".

The move comes a month after Sotheby's announced it was raising its buyers' premium by 5 per cent for items costing £30,000 and under. There was speculation in the trade last night that the redundancies were Christie's alter-

native to such an increase. Under a restructuring plan, the 39 specialist departments at Christie's will be rationalised into five "key divisions". The redundancies will mainly be in administra-

tion, with 30 in the UK. Two years ago Christie's, the world's second largest auction house, made 146 employees redundant, a tenth of the workforce. At that time Sotheby's shed 100 staff, followed by another 19 last

Despite hopes of a recovery, the closing season has seen mixed results, with James II's wedding suit. for example, going unsold at £210,000, and bids for Rubens's portrait of Madame de Vicq stopping at E950,000. Successes, however, included the rare Dutch 17th century courtyard scene

CHRISTIE'S International is fetched £4.4 million last week.

from seven paintings by Cé-Mr Davidge said: "It's been a tough old year."

and the £10 million raised

Those who will lose their jobs include computer staff, members of the personnel department and some front

When asked about plans to follow Sotheby's with the 15 per cent buyers' premium. Mr Davidge said that discussions had been taking place with department heads, but the company has not yet made a

He acknowledged that Christie's could benefit from disaffected vendors who defect from Sotheby's because of the added charge. The most obvi-ous example of this group could be country house owners, for whom a 15 per cent commission on minor items such as pots and pans could be

Cuts in staff at Sotheby's and Christie's must be considered in the context of the art market boom, the biggest for a century, which took place throughout the 1980s. Auctioneers hugely expanded their staff throughout this

period. About two years ago, however, sales collapsed, and the auction houses have been forced to retrench.

Detectives horrified by torture

BY PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE seeking the kidnappers and torturers of a teenage girl in Manchester have been shocked by the brutality of the crime. One said it was the worst incident they had seen since the days of the Moors

murderers 30 years ago.
Susanne Capper, 16, was apparently seized by a gang and held captive for a week. She was beaten, stripped naked, injected with drugs and, eventually last Monday. dumped unclothed on a grass verge, doused in petrol and set ablaze. She is now in a critical condition in the Withington Hospital, Manchester.

Det Chief Supt Ron Astles said: "You would have to go back to the days of Brady and Hindley for an incident comparing with its sheer horror."
Police last night received

permission from Ashtonunder-Lyne magistrates to hold four men and two women for questioning for a further 24 hours.

hospital to talk to Miss Capper, who is being treated for burns to 80 per cent of her body. They have spoken to Barry Sutcliffe, the dustman who found her by a road at the burns of the burn Romiley, near Stockport. Before passing out the girl told him she had been kidnapped and injected with drugs.

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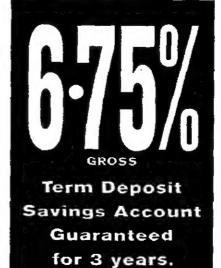
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Hoover cleans up with flights of fancy

BY BILL FROST

DEMAND outstripped supply yesterday as customers besieged high street stores in search of the vacuum cleaner that would fly them to America and back for

Hoover, the home-appliance manufacturer, is wiping the floor with rivals after offering consumers who spend at least £100 two free return flights to either New York or Florida. However, the travel industry and consumer watchdogs say that some potential passengers risk frustration and disappointment.

Brushing aside such pessimism yesterday, a Hoover spokeswoman said: "This promotion, launched at the beginning of last month, has been very successful. We have seen, heard and discussed the reaction. We are confident it will work." Since the offer began, an estimated

100,000 Hoover products have been sold in shops and warehouses - far above the normal figure for this time of year. Yesterday, at Rumbelows shop in Streatham, south London, an assistant said: "We have had a big rush, everybody has. We cannot keep up with demand and are now selling display models. I can offer you an upright vacuum cleaner now, but you had better come quickly."

While Hoover and retailers celebrated,

travel agents and the Consumers' Association claimed that the opportunity may not turn out to be golden for all those hoping to fly free to the United States

Muir Anderson, a Glasgow travel agent, said: There are bound to be problems with the availability of flights. Everybody will want to travel during the high season next summer. Hoover have obviously sold a lot of appliances. I understand the take-up for the offer is

much higher than on other promotions and this could lead to disappointments." Free flights are being offered between next February and April 1994. Travellers will be asked to propose three dates. If flights are oversubscribed, they must provide three more. If second-choice dates are booked up, too, Hoover's travel agent will make a final offer. Should that

prove unacceptable, the free flight is off. Keith Richards, of the Consumers' Association, said: "You have to be extremely flexible. The potential traveller must be able to drop everything and go.
There is a potential problem over

accommodation, too. What happens if you book a hotel in advance, as one would in high season, only to find your flight date was not acceptable? You could lose a deposit and end up in unsuitable accommodation. Our advice is read the small print on this offer very carefully."

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Tomlinson decided NHS market was unnecessary

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Tomlinson enquiry into London's hospitals had planned an extra section to its report that would have challenged the long-term need for the NHS market and the huge

bureaucracy required to run it. The Times has learnt that Sir Bernard Tomlinson and his three colleagues agreed not to include the section, which would have been an embarrassing rebuff to the government's health policy. The team had concluded that there would be no further need for the NHS market once hospitals in London — and, later, other cities — had been pruned in line with its

The enquiry committee, which reported to the health secretary. Virginia Bottomley, in October, planned to argue in the extra section that the streamlined hospital service that it proposed for London would require only limited checks to keep it operating at

peak efficiency.

Sir Bernard decided against including the section in his final report because it went beyond his terms of reference, which specified that the committee was to work "within the framework of the NHS". However, he hinted that he



Sir Bernard: "does

before the end of the financial

year, forcing some to close

Consultants at some hospitals that have already handled

the number of cases paid for

under block contracts have

been told they can carry out only urgent and emergency surgery. Others have been

given a limit on the number of operations they may do or had theatre time reduced by up to

The British Medical Associ-

ation (BMA) believes the problem is widespread and will

survey all hospitals in the new year to find out how many have stopped or reduced

"cold" or routine surgery. Consultants will also be asked

whether they are favouring

GP fundholders who still have

The problem has arisen

where the district health au-

thority contracts a hospital to carry out a number of operations for non-fundholding GPs in a year and the quota

will be no extra money and that hospitals must meet the

challenge of matching patient

treatment to income during

the year.

Dr Rob Buckland, consul-

tant anaesthetist at the Royal

Hampshire County Hospital,

Winchester, where operating sessions have been halved.

said the problem was wide-

spread within Wessex regional

"We are now doing no cold surgery as such and will not

until the new financial year in

April. If we had more funding we could do more work," he

AFTER the most intensive selection procedures, 1,100

workers will today continue

the Japanese assault on the

European market when they

begin car production near

Derby.

health authority.

has already been met. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has said there

75 per cent

money to spend.

wards and restrict surgery.

Overspent hospitals

halt operations

SCORES of hospitals have said. The hospital was not yet

others.

Buckland said.

A paradox lies at the centre of the report recommending the closure of four London teaching hospitals, whose author is astonished at the lack of opposition

had more to say when he told a recent meeting of hospital public relations managers that the report contained only one or two remarks on the organis-ation of the NHS because "we did not think it sensible to go further than that".

The revelation will embarrass Mrs Bottomley, who is to decide on the implementation of the report in the new year. Sir Bernard, who has had a string of speaking engage-ments since publication of his report, is under contract to the health department until Christmas, when he will formally bow out of the debate. He is known to be astonished at the degree of acceptance of his report, which recommends closing four teaching hospitals and many smaller units with the loss of 2,500 beds.

Sir Bernard does not believe that his report, produced after a year-long enquiry by a fourstrong team working part-time, has all the answers. "We are not all-knowing and all-wise," he said recently. "I am not sympathetic to anyone who buries their head in the sand, but I would say to the affected hospitals: 'Put forward constructive alterna-

Yet, with the exception of St Bartholomew's and, to a lesser extent, the Royal Marsden, none has done so. Silence greeted publication of the report, which had been expected to trigger a wave of protests. There has been criticism of the costing of the proposals, doubts over how much the sale of hospital sites will raise and fears over the effect on waiting lists. However, the central thesis — that London has too many expensive hospitals — has gone unchallenged.

fundholders in preference to

There is that pressure but it

seems unfair to give an advan-

tage to patients from practices

The three routine surgical wards at Central Middlesex

Hospital in Harlesden, west London, were shut this week

for at least a month after almost all the work under the block contract was completed. The hospital's 1,500 staff will

have been reduced by 100 by

the end of the year through voluntary redundancies. Andy Black, chief executive

said that the situation would

be reviewed in a month but the wards could remain closed

for longer. "We were contract-

ed to do a certain number of

routine operations and we

have done them early. If we

were a motorway there would be a big sign up saying completed early, but because we are a hospital it is seen as a

bad thing."

A meeting of the BMA's central consultants' and spe-

cialists' committee was told recently that such cuts were widespread. John Chawner,

chairman of the committee,

said: "Surgeons face the di-

lemma because they cannot do

enough work and consequenttake patients from

fundholders who are not justi-

fied on clinical grounds of having priority, but they are

doing it to collect the money to

allow the hospital to go on

completed their non-urgent

A spokesman for the health department said "one or two places" had said that they had

working.

Toyota's Derby plant

starts production

BY TIM JONES

Tomlinson is the twentieth report in the past 100 years to make the point. The difference this time is that the teaching hospitals face bankruptcy un-less they comply. Many are already losing millions of pounds as health authorities outside London switch patients to cheaper local units. The NHS market is giving the

argument bite. Yet patients and family doctors fear losing the 2,500 beds that the report recommends for closure. Demand for beds in the capital is undiminished and GPs despair of getting patients admitted.

This is the paradox at the heart of the Tombinson report: if London has too many hospitals, why is there no room in them? Guy's is a good exam-ple of a teaching hospital that enjoys an international reputation but provides little service to its local population. It has 850 beds, of which 100 are for

psychiatric patients, 150 for specialties such as heart surgery serving the whole country, 210 for general patients from other districts, and 90 for elderly patients waiting for places in nursing homes. Guy's provides only 300 beds for general services for local people, about half as many as the average district general hospital, and local GPs complain bitterly of the shortage of

At least 2,000 London beds are occupied by patients from outside the capital, who are being withdrawn, which will ease the situation for local patients. Hospitals are also growing more efficient, free-ing beds. Tomlinson predicted that the combined effect would be a surplus of up to 7,000 beds by the end of the decade.

If nothing is done, Sir Bernard said recently, all the teaching hospitals will be in major financial difficulty in the control of the second seco

two or three years' time, leading to longer waiting lists. Money spent propping up ailing hospitals would be wasted because it could be used to develop new services.

Simon Jenkins, page 14



Fashion accessory: the designer Vivienne Westwood, 51, displaying the OBE insignia she received from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday

Provincia homeless 'losing out'

By NICHOLAS WATT

THOUSANDS of homeless people outside London are being numed away from hostels while the government concentrates its resources in the capital, it was claimed

Adam Woolf of the charity Crisis at Christmas, which provides shelter for hundreds of people every year, said: This Christmas we will be opening centres in five towns in the North West. The government has spent millions of pounds in London because the problem there is so graphic But homelessness is a national problem and we have found that 7,500 people a month are being turned away from hostels outside London.

A spokeswoman for the environment department said last night: "Local authorities are responsible for helping the homeless and we work very closely with voluntary groups outside London. This year we gave them £6.1 million.

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HOME NEWS

Enquiry underlines doubts over future of Sellafield plant

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

THE government has member of the Downing launched an enquiry into the future of British Nuclear Fuels' new Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafield in Cumbria. The decision will increase speculation that the £1.85 billion project might never be

The enquiry, which involves more than half a dozen government departments, re-opens the official debate on the need for the plant, which BNFL regards as having been settled by the 1977 public enquiry that gave planning

concerns exenvironmental groups about Thorp, particularly its proposed large-scale export of plutonium, the raw material for nuclear weapons, will be examined in detail by the Whitehall machine and ultimately debated by the

More evidence of concern at the highest level was visible on Monday when David Poole, a

Street policy unit, toured the plant. Mr Poole joined an official tour by Tim Eggar, the energy minister, but, according to BNFL, had requested a

Thorp, the thermal oxide reprocessing plant, is a hightechnology factory regarded as the jewel in its crown. It is waiting only for its pollution permit to start reprocessing 6.000 tonnes of spent atomic power station fuel, mainly from Germany and Japan. The plant will recover the unused uranium and plutonium in the fuel and return it to

Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, which yesterday featured protests from showbusiness figures, including the actors Kenneth Branagh, Peter Gabriel and Annie Len-

The government enquiry will review both the potential problems posed by going ahead with Thorp and those that would follow cancellation. It is being chaired by Peter the Cabinet Office, and will result in a paper likely to be

Besides hearing the case for Thorp from BNFL's sponsoring department in Whitehall, trade and industry, the review is taking evidence from the environment department and discharges to the Irish Sea, and from the Treasury on its economic viability. It will also take evidence from the Foreign Office about whether the plant's shipments abroad over the next ten years pose a threat tion, as critics say.

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Back behind bars: the actor Anthony Hopkins, who played Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs, touring Downview prison, south London, where he opened a treatment centre for drug and alcohol addicts

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Shy men flood sex help line

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SEX therapy helpline has been flooded with calls from young men too embarrassed to discuss their problems with friends or family

Eighty per cent of the 2,000 callers to the BBC Radio 1 free telephone line have been men. Most were concerned about the risk of contracting HIV or Aids, and with sexual

The line was set up to support the radio series Talk About Sex. Charlotte Blofeld. that such large numbers of young men are willing to call an anonymous telephone line suggests they have nowhere else to turn." Sixty-eight per cent of calls have been from heterosexual men and 12 per cent from homosexual men. The series, in which young

people talk frankly about sex. ends tonight. It has been condemned by Mary Whitehouse, who has said that its transmission time, 30 minutes before the 9pm watershed, was a publicity stunt. "The producers obviously want people to be offended, but to put young people at risk to create controversy is contemptible."

cleans up the air as it drives BY NICK NUTTALL

Brainy car

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A CAR that produces less pollution in city streets than it draws in from the air has been tested by government researchers.

The engine has an electronic brain which, it is claimed. makes up to two million calculations a second to improve the way petrol is burnt. In trials, a standard production car pumped out lower levels of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen than it sucked in from the atmos-

Gordon Lucas, of Loughborough University's transport technology department, said yesterday: "It has been a bit of a joke in the industry that we will soon be producing cars with less pollution in the exhaust than in the air around .. we appear to be reaching

that point."
A 2.3 litre Saab with a turbo-charged engine was test-ed in the City of London by researchers from the trade and industry department's labora-tory at Stevenage. Heri-

During one 20-minute test, exhaust oxides of nitrogen. which cause smog, were 0, whereas in the surrounding air they were 0.28 parts per million. In another test, emission levels were 0.70 parts per million, while in the air they were 1.14. Similar results were obtained for hydrocarbons, which also cause smog.

Levels of carbon monoxide were higher in the exhaust than in the air. But the government researchers claim that in highly congested driving, they may be lower. "In that sense, the car will clean

the air," they said.

Saab credits the successes to an electronic brain which, the company says, is two to four times more powerful than the one used by rival companies. The 32-bit processor, linked to sensors, is said to adjust the running of the engine to unprecedented levels, for example adjusting engine tim-ing after sensing the position of the driving pedal.

Keith Howard, technical editor of Autocar & Motor, said yesterday that the electronic brain was likely to be rivalled soon by other manufacturers. "The trend is to 32-

spokesman for Vauxhall said it was "working toward a 32-bit engine management system". Other companies, including Ford and TVR, said that their vehicles would, under certain driving conditions, probably rival the Saab

Motor crime by young 'soaring'

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

CAR crime by young people has soared to record levels in parts of Britain and the national figure has climbed to an estimated 3.5 million offences a year, according to a survey

by the Labour party. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, who unveiled the survey yesterday, said it showed "the appalling and unacceptable levels of car crime. There are now parts of Britain where it has reached epidemic proportions with over 75 per cent being committed by young people under

The government's recent car crime prevention campaign had made improved car security and public awareness its target, he said, rather than the central issue of youth crime.

More than 1.5 million car crimes were reported last year. according to the survey Putting the Brakes on Car Crime, a rise of 156 per cent since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. The five regions with the largest increases since 1989 were the South East, with a 76 per cent rise: East Midlands, 69 per cent; Yorkshire and Humberside. 67 per cent; East Anglia, 65 per cent; and the South

West, 60 per cent. The survey also showed that since 1989 five police forces had experienced increases of 90 per cent or more in the incidence of car crime.

Alun Michael, a shadow home affairs minister, said reported car crime had increased rapidly in the past three years after falling be-tween 1987 and 1989. Thefts of cars had increased by 45 per cent, thefts from cars by 48 per cent and total vehicle crime by 47 per cent. Vehicle crime accounted for 28 per cent of crimes recorded by the police but the 1992 British Crime Survey suggested that only 32 per cent of thefts from cars

were recorded by police. The number of car crimes committed might be nearer 3.5 million, equivalent to one vehicle every nine seconds.

Mr Michael said figures for 1990 showed that 79 per cent of all offenders processed by the police and courts for theft of vehicles were under 21, as were 78 per cent of those found guilty or cautioned for theft from cars.

He said the government should provide exciting, legitimate opportunities for young people to channel their enthuasm for cars.

THE WORST AREAS

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Mayle's Provence heads winter schedules

BBC launches £80m assault against ITV newcomers

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AN ADAPTATION of Peter Mayle's best-selling book A Year In Provence is the central plank of the BBC's £80 million ossault on ITV this winter. With ITV still boasting a 10

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per cent lead in the ratings, BBC1 expects as many as 15 million to tune in to the dramatisation, which stars John Thaw as the disillusioned advertising executive who swaps the stresses of London life for a French farmhouse. But life will never be the same in the pastoral idyll of Menerbes, now certain to be further deluged by thousands of Britons.

capped by going £60 million over budget in error, is hoping to capitalise on the teething pains of its new commercial rivals. Carlton, Meridian and GMTV take over on January 1 from Thames, TVS and

John Birt, who becomes the BBC's director-general at Christmas, has said he does not expect "distinctive" BBC programmes to attract more than a third of the audience by the end of the decade, given the proliferation of cable and satellite channels. But next year, as the debate about the corporation's funding begins in earnest, he will want to

essen the ratings gap. Yesterday Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2 who is acting head of BBC1 following the defection of Jonathan Powell to Cariton, said: "All the big names are on BBC Television this winter. There is ambition and innovation in the winter

The BBC hopes to exploit ITV's traditional weakness in comedy with Carla Lane's new situation comedy Luv. Nigel
Planer as a French teacher in
Bonjour La Classe, Jasper
Carrott as a bungling police
ty, Love Hurts, One Foot in the
Grave, Grace and Favour,
Antiques Roadshow, Wildlife
on One and Mastermind.

man in The Detectives and Lenny Henry as a "wide-boy cook" in Chef! But the independent companies will be fighting back with Meridian's Full Stretch and Tracey Ul-man: A Class Act and Carlton's Comedy Playhouse.

Popular drama on BBC1 will include Gallowglass, a

new thriller from Ruth Rendell, and You Me and It starring James Wilby and Suzanne Burden as a couple desperate to have their first child. On BBC2 Jonathan Pryce will star as an apocalyp-tic prophet in Mr Wroe's

A new season of Screen Two films features Derek Jarman's adaptation of Edward II, as well as Dirk Bogarde's Voices In The Garden with Joss Ackland and Jeanne Moreau, and Julie Walters in Clothes in the Wardrobe.

The plight of London zoo is examined in The Ark, one of many new documentaries on BBC2. Britain's first astronaut, Helen Sharman, makes her debut as a television presenter for a Schools Television production called Seeing Through Science. The arts programme Arena returns with a three-part profile of

On BBC1, Clive James will explore Fame In The Twentieth Century, while Selina Scott returns to BBC screens with a media and showbusiness magazine called Entertainment Express. Clive Anderson, until now a Channel 4 stal-wart apart from briefly standing in for Terry Wogan, will chair a comic panel game Notes and Queries on BBC2. There will be new series of

old favourites such as Casual-







Seasonal fare: actress Fleur Bennett, top left, will be appearing in a second series of *Grace and Favour* and Selina Scott will host a new media and showbusiness magazine. Nigel Planer will feature in a comedy series

Auntie's man may not keep mum about programme plans



Powell: coy about plans for ITV

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JONATHAN Powell, the embattled controller of BBC1 who fled to Carlton Televisionlast week, will have at his fingertips all the corporation's programming plans for the all-important autumn 1993 schedule (Melinda Wittstock

BBC programmes for next autumn have already been commissioned by Mr Powell, and Alan Yentob, his opposite number at BBC2, who is now in charge of both channels until Mr Powell's replacement is found. But Marcus Plantin. ITV's new director, is just

beginning to look at the network's autumn offerings. Many will not be commissioned until the new year.

Mr Powell, as Carlton's new head of drama, will be keenly aware of what it will take to spike BBC1's guns and keep ITV ahead in the ratings. He is coy about his plans, preferring not to say too much until he takes over at Carlton on January 1. But last week he said: "The perennial problem for ITV is how to generate long-running drama series that are not detective or crimebased. If I come up with

another show for Cariton as good as Casualty I will be happy, thank you."

Next autumn marks the first real test of the new ITV, following the demise at midnight New Year's eve of Thames Television, whose programmes such as The Bill, Minder and Mr Bean will still dominate ITV schedules in the first eight months of next year. Although this winter's schedule includes new comedies, dramas and light entertainment programmes from Cariton Television and Meridian, which replaces TVS, it

was set last summer, long before any of the damaging effects of overbidding in last year's blind-bid ITV auction could affect commissioning. Next year, as the advertising recession continues, ITV will be paying the Treasury about £400 million, almost £250 million more than companies

are paying this year.

Speculation continues about the identity of Mr Powell's replacement at BBC1. David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, and Steve Morrison, his opposite number at Granada, are

thought to be the main contenders, although Janet Street-Porter, head of BBC youth programmes, has a chance. But the BBC1 vacancy has also led to further speculation in the corridors of Television Centre of a management shake-up that could create a new position for a BBC direc-

tor of programmes overseeing and scheduling both BBC1 and BBC2. John Birt, who takes over as director-general at Christmas, is expected to move quickly this January, but nobody knows exactly what he has planned.

The way it isn't



can look down on. Headlines no longer bellow "PRIN-CESS MARGARET EN-JOYS QUIET NIGHT IN" or "PRINCESS MICHAEL APPRECIATES LOVELY

VIEW*.

The nation expects a royal family to provide calamity and indiscretion. The present members of the roy-al family are unsuitable not because they are too awful,

but because they are not awful enough. The prime function of the modern royal family is to satisfy the holierthan-thou instincts of its subjects. Thus the very nice-

ness of the Linekers would

rule them out.

In the absence of Robert Maxwell, Michael Winner would make a most formida-ble candidate. The sight of Mr Wimper and his chosen dolly bird waving from the palace balcony would unite the nation in loathing and we would all be happy once

And after a joyous decade of the House of Winner, Pm delighted to announce that Jeffrey Archer and family would still be quite young enough to take up the

Psychological conference

What were you making up when Kennedy died?

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who daim vivid memories of what they were doing when President Kennedy or John Lennon were assassinated may be fabricating their experiences to allow them to feel closer to history-

Such "flashbulb" memories may be more folklore than fact. Long-lived memories are likely to be rarer and more deeply buried than is believed, research presented yesterday to the British Psychological Society conference at City University,

While many people claim vivid memories from the time of Kennedy's or Lennon's murders, few have similar recall of more recent events, such as Margaret Thatcher's resignation or the Hillsborough disaster. Dan Wright, one of the researchers involved, said that the findings might have imporcourts and for the reliability of opinion surveys.

The research was conducted by the cognitive survey laboratory at the London School of Economics and was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. It questioned 2,136 people of different age, sex and social class during a

Office of Population Census-

es and Surveys. Mrs Thatcher's resignation in November 1990 and the Hillsborough football stadium disaster in April 1989 were chosen because they "qualify on the impor-tance and emotion criteria and have been used before in flashbulb memory research", the researchers said. Of those questioned, only 11 per cent, or just over 200, said they had flashbulb memories for the resignation and 9 per cent had them for the Hillsborough disaster.

The findings contrast with smaller studies, mainly with students, which found that 86 per cent vividly recalled Mrs Thatcher's departure and 90 per cent had detailed memories linked with Hills-

gested that the ability to make and retain flashbulb memories may vary with age. The new study finds no evidence of this. People from higher social classes reported having better memories of Mrs Thatcher's resignation than those from lower social

When assessing the date of the Hillsborough disaster. men were more likely than women to give it as earlier

Dieting damages mental alertness

By NIGEL HAWKES

DIETING can damage mental performance and should not be undertaken by people who must function at their peak, such as air traffic controllers, doctors and students facing exams.

Michael Green and Peter Rogers of the Institute of Food Research, at Reading. told the conference yesterday that reaction times, memory who diet to lose weight. They attribute the reduced performance to the stressful effects of maintaining the diet and

quences of energy restriction.
They tested 55 volunteers for mental agility, finding that those who were dieting performed significantly worse than those who were

not. Performance was worst in those who had been on the diet longest and who had lost the most weight. The effects appear to be related more to the degree of weight loss than to concern about eating and weight, indicat-ing that the results were unlikely to be explained by temperamental differences between the two groups.

minders suffer fewer probresearch at Thames Valley University has shown.

Dr Helen Barrett told the conference yesterday that she had observed the behaviour of 24 pairs of children under five over five years and had found little evidence of childminded children becoming withdrawn and passive.

Chocolate addicts suffer secret guilt

By NIGEL HAWKES

CHOCOLATE addiction may be the subject of Billy Bunter-style jokes but is a condition that deserves serious treatment, according to a survey carried out at Dundee

Many self-confessed "chocoholics" indulge their craving secretly, consume prodigious quantities of chocolate and suffer depression if deprived of it, Jenny MacDiarmid, a mutritionist, and Marion Hetherington, a psychologist, told the con-

They studied 50 choco-holics, aged between 14 and 83, 46 of whom were women, and showed that they consumed an average of 12.5 60-gram chocolate bars a week, three times more than the average person.

Some eat 70 bars a week. More than half said that their cravings were greater when alone, depressed and under stress. Nearly 60 per cent said there was a link between their craving and their menstrual cycle, and 40 per cent admitted that choco-late eating was a vice practised alone and in secret. Of

these 80 per cent felt guilty.

Two out of three admitted they felt irritable, angry and unhappy when they tried to were more likely to be dissatisfied with their bodies, have severe eating disorders and be more concerned about their addiction. However, they did not eat significantly more chocolate or crave chocolate more than the non-secret eaters.

Refusal to hold inquest upheld

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN INQUEST ordered on a 17-year-old girl who died after an ambulance failed to arrive in time when she was suffering a severe asthma attack was blocked by the Court of Appeal Three judges unanimously ruled that Doug-

las Chambers, the coroner of Poplar, east London, had been entitled in law to refuse an inquest, in spite of criticism over the delay in the ambulance reaching the dying girl. Mr Chambers decided in April 1989 that the death of Mavis Thomas, a life-long asthmatic, was

due to "natural causes".

An ambulance took 33 minutes to reach Miss Thomas from the first abortive 999 call received by an answerphone — but that had not turned it into an "unnatural" death requiring an inquest, the coroner said.

Earlier this year two High Court judges ruled that Mr Chambers had erred in law and that an

inquest was in the public interest. The judges ordered the inquest when they allowed a judicial review application by the girl's mother, Doris Thomas, of Hackney, east London. The High Court criticised the coroner for not considering whether it might be a case for a verdict of death aggravated by lack of care.

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The appeal judges decided unanimously yesterday that the criticism of Mr Chambers's decision was unjustified and ruled that the concept of lack of care, in this instance, was not appropriate. Allowing the coroner's appeal, the judge said that he did not know why the delay had occurred but, in law, Mr Chambers had

been entitled to conclude that the cause of the patient's death was the asthma attack.

Miss Thomas's family was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords but is now appeal to the House of Lords but is now the leave to appeal to the leave t considering whether to petition the law lords directly. Their solicitor, Jane Deighton, said the family wanted to find out how the "grotesque circumstances of her death came about".

LIKE everyone else, we were discussing the future of the monarchy. My friend Harry thought that it would be more in keeping with the times if, once every ten years, a brand new royal family were to be elected. That way, we would all get the royal

family we deserved. His candidates for the next royal family were the Linekers — Gary the foot-baller, his wife and their baby. Gary has proved him-self astoundingly virtuous, his wife is pretty and sympa-thetic and their baby's recent plight greatly moved the nation. Who could be more perfect?

But, I argued, their very perfection would be their downfall. At the moment, the nation wants a royal family it





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Editors attack plan for press watchdog

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

A LABOUR MP agreed yes-terday to modify his proposed legislation for tighter controls on the press, to win wider support from MPs next month.

As a Commons committee concluded its hearings on the impact of the freedom and responsibility of the press bill. Clive Soley said he was prepared to accept changes to meet objections about the impact of a government-appointed independent press authority with statutory powers to force newspapers to correct factual mistakes. His bill comes up for second reading

Mr Soley, the MP for Hammersmith, said he wanted to enshrine press freedom in the legislation and to ensure that ministers could not abuse the power to appoint members of the new body. "Parliament wants to do something and my concern is that we should be wary of going down the privacy road." he said.

Mr Soley believes that a majority of MPs favour stronger controls on the press. Both pre-legislative committee

heritage committee have gath-ered evidence from "victims" of press intrusion as part of ir enquiries.

However, newspaper editors and the Press Complaints Commission strongly objected to Mr Soley's legislation yes-terday and urged MPs to allow the Press Complaints Commission's self-regulatory regime more time to prove its Lord McGregor of Durris,

the commission chairman, said he had no evidence that large numbers of people had not been helped by the commission in the past two years after suffering from inaccurate press reports. There is scope for improvement in the commission, but development of method of reconciling conflicting interests of the press. public and Parliament without endangering freedom of expression."

He accepted that there had been excesses by newspapers and believed that the introduction of new offences to tighten up laws on the use of telephoto lenses and bugging, as recom-mended in Sir David Calcutt's

original report, would help. The commission was not the "con trick" assumed by Mr Soley. Its lay members did not touch their forelocks to newspaper proprietors.

Donald Trelford, editor of the Observer, told the Soley committee: "I object to the very idea that 21 people set up by the government can overrule the judgment of the individual editors." The proposed independent press authority would be a huge bureaucracy, wrapped up with lawyers, and a massive waste of time and money, he said.

Guardian, also criticised the legislation as an "invitation for lawyers". Journalistic standards were sometimes out of phase, but he believed they were higher now than when he started in the profession 30 years ago. Malcolm Ruther-ford, a senior journalist from the Financial Times, warned MPs that the proposed authority's power to force papers to give aggrieved read-ers a right of reply would rebound seriously on his paper's financial and commer-



Michael Howard: piling on the Tory pressure for environmental issues

The greening of Michael Howard

G reenery has been the political issue that has never quite made it. But that could be changing. Not only are the opposition parties keen to make the environment a central political issue, but so is the government.

Previously, there have been fluries of excitement over local developments (the 'nimby" factor) and, nationalenjoyed its boomlet in the Euro-elections of 1989. That July, the regular Mori poll put the environment top of the list of issues rated important by voters, before falling steadily back. Last month it rated eighth in significance.

Michael Howard is, at first sight, an unlikely devotee of green politics. He has made his name as a skilful advocate of controversial policies rather than as an innovator. But he now wants to make a mark on the environment, the one area in which he was not involved as a minister of state in the department in the late 1980s.

His view is based on a mix of political calculation and the pressure of events. Both Mr Howard and Chris Smith, Labour's shadow on environmental protection, believe that, as the economy recovers, voters will become interested again in environmental

When he became environment secretary in April, Mr Howard was immediately involved in the preparations for the Rio Earth summit. Britain shifted into line with the rest of Europe in agreeing to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide to 1990 levels by the year 2000. Since then, during the British presidency of the EC, Mr Howard has pushed for agreement on tough regulations over movements of toxic waste and for greater consistency in inspection of environmental regulations.

At home, Mr Howard wants to see how far changes can be achieved through market mechanisms rather than by fixed regulations. Examples so far are the higher duty on leaded petrol and economic

incentives for the recycling of waste. The department has been examining a landfill levy and auctioning licences and transferable licences. This would increase costs for high-pollution activities. Research papers may be published in

An immediate priority is how Britain will comply with its obligations under the dimate change convention. Op-tions include a carbon/energy tax and other changes which would raise fuel prices, as well as tougher fuel efficiency requirements in cars. At present, these ideas are just for discussion, but the government has to take specific decisions on

This approach is regarded as insufficent by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, who have held joint meetings with leading Greens. Mr Smith has said that the government is relying too much on exhortation and is not facing up to what is really required to cut

Mr Smith believes that the arrival of the Clinton administration in the US. and especially vice-president Gore, will raise the global profile of green issues. He expects America will, for example, sign the bio-diversity treaty and will seek to regain a leading role in international

In party terms, the question is when members of the public link their worries over the environment and their membership of pressure groups to mainstream politics. Mr How-ard is determined that the Tories, unlike the Republicans in America, should not be outflanked by their opponents and should be seen as the party with positive policies for the environment. No one will be able to ignore Green

PETER RIDDELL

Left-wing think tank to run welfare review

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

over the running of his new commission on social justice in a move that will help it to come up with radical conclusions unhampered by Labour's ex-

isting policy commitments. Mr Smith has told members of the commission, who will include at least one prominent Liberal Democrat, that nothing must be left off their agenda as they launch into the most far-reaching review of welfare benefits.

Scrapping child benefit and ending mortgage tax relief in

£1bn road spending criticised

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PLANS to raise local road funding to record levels provoked accusations yesterday that the government was overlooking public transport needs

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announced that spending on local road projects would exceed £1 billion next year, "a substantial

sum by any standards".

A £50 million investment in local safety schemes marked a 60 per cent increase in three years, financing thousands of safety projects which could prevent more than 4,000 injuries. Despite assurances that £15 million would be spent on measures to encourage use of buses. MPs complained that the dangers of pollution need-

Robert Adley, Tory chair-man of the Commons transport select committee, called for all new local road schemes to be accompanied by reports on air pollution. Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, said: "There. has to be a limit on the numbers of private motor cars in our cities. There is a limit to amount of pollution we can go

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said that the statement demonstrated Mr MacGregor's "ability to create an illusion" and did not "deal with the very real, growing transport crisis that many

of our cities are facing.

Mr MacGregor said a 24 per cent increase in spending on bridge repairs was needed tige to the age of many bridges and to prepare for new EC

JOHN Smith has asked the their present form will be

conducted under the auspices of the Institute for Public Policy Research, the independent research body set up when Neil Kinnock was Labour leader in 1989. It is recruiting extra staff to service the commission and organis-ing funding. Members will include Patricia Hewitt, deputy director of the institute. In a further indication of its independence it is not receiving

finance from Labour. The commission, to chaired by Sir Gordon Borrie, the Office of Fair Trading for 16 years, will be launched tomorrow by Mr Smith at a The enquiry will fit into a wider investigation by the institute, in the wake of Labour's fourth election defeat, into the future of the left and European social democracy. Its pre-election work tend-ed to concentrate on specific

policy areas. The commission was the main policy initiative announced by Mr Smith in his eadership campaign. His decision to put the enquiry under the institute shows that he wants it to have a completely free remit to "think the unthinkable".

The Labour leader remains committed to the principle of redistributive taxation, even though he knows the Conservatives will always use taxation as their main electoral weapon against Labour. The commission will look at the possibility of ending child benefit as a universal payment and aiming it instead at the poor, scrapping national insurance contributions, and the need for tax allowances such as mortgage relief and private

The institute is organising a series of seminars, some of which will feed into the commission's work, as part of its



Sir Gordon: search for radical conclusions



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Hunters for food and fuel defy shells in Sarajevo

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN SARAJEVO

of winter begin to descend on the Bosnian capital, the daily routine of survival for its 250,000 citizens has taken on a new and more menacing form. This once proud city. which played host to the winter Olympics in 1984, is being transformed into a latter day version of the horrific siege of Leningrad during the

second world war. The main Lion cemetery is now so full of freshly dug tombs of Muslim and Croatian victims that the gravediggers have been forced to appropriate the football pitch and stands across the road. This week readers were unsurprised to find that the city's daily newspaper, Oslobodjene, ran nine pages of obituaries in an edition only

16 pages long. Death and destruction from the Serbian guns ringing the city on the hills above have become almost routine in Sarajevo, where the preoccupation for every man, woman and child lies in the more mundane necessities of life, such as obtaining food and fuel for the harsh winter months.

I watched a father and son, carrying a large wooden door, negotiate their way across a patch of snow-covered wasteground, ignoring the threat of snipers. They carried their cargo with the care and pride of hunters bearing a

In any other city the display might be derided as eccentric. In Sarajevo, their supply of



firewood for the icy nights ahead was bounty. Less dar-ing citizens watched their progress enviously.

Men and women of all ages

spend the daylight hours scavenging for firewood in the parks, and each day the city's more elegant avenues are scarred by fresh tree stumps, carefully grown oaks having fallen victim overnight to the needs of the city's stoves.

This desperate picture is most pronounced in the city's main open-air market, where main open-air market, where the majority of the hungry throngs can only look longing-ly at foodstuffs they could never hope to buy. One man made a doomed attempt to barter a stack of old porno-graphic magazines for a quar-ter of an overrise numbris. Its ter of an overripe pumpkin. Its owner resolutely refused to part with it for less than £3. Elsewhere, siege prices for the

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AS THE first heavy snowfalls limited fresh vegetables were similar, with two pounds of onions costing £15, potatoes

£8 and eggs, when available, selling for £3 apiece. Although international relief efforts are supposed to ensure that Sarajevans do not go hungry this winter, the closure of the airport to aid flights for the past two weeks means that the civilian population is being rationed to less than half of the minimum subsistence level. Aid workers fear that with such poor nourishment, it is only a matter of time before there is an outbreak of epidemics, particularly deadly influenza.

With almost no electricity, no petrol, and the almost complete collapse of the city's telephone system, the only people who have visibly thrived on the Bosnian capital's demise are the young soldiers and security men. whose black market connections ensure that they - and their overly made-up mistresses - always have a good table only hotel still operating in the

Even the fledgling govern-ment in Bosnia-Herzegovina. which can barely function in its own capital, is planning secretly to move key administrative operations out of its ministries in Sarajevo to the relative peace of the central Bosnian cities of Tuzla and Zenica, where at least some of the infrastructure is still

standing.
In spite of all these accumulated problems of winter and war, there is nevertheless a defiant spirit in Sarajevo, which may yet overcome the best anempts by the besiegers to bring the city to its knees. "Of course life is difficult

here, but we have a reputation to keep up as a city of culture and pride," said Joseph Pejakovic, Sarajevo's bestloved actor and musician, who still manages to host a weekly lunch party at the city's writers' dub, where for half an hour the chatter and gossip of the assembled artists almost drowns out the sound of the constant gunfire.

Like others who could have fled but elected to stay in his home town. Mr Pejakovic is planning to throw a showy New Year's eve party, with a live jazz band for what he hopes will herald a better year ahead. His spirit appears to be infectious. Sarajevans, known throughout the former Yugoslavia for their self-deprecat-ing humour, are still able to laugh at their predicament.
"How does an intelligent Sarajevan speak to a stupid one?" asked one official at the presidency offices, mocking her own stubborn decision to stay. "Answer: by telephone, from London."

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Hero and villain run in Kosovo poll

From Tim Judah in pristina

There are two countries in one land in Kosovo. One is going to the polls on Sunday, the other has harely noticed that an election is

being fought.
Serbia votes next week
but for ethnic Albanians,
more than 90 per cent of
the population of the southern Serb province of
Kosovo, it will be a day just like any other. So estranged are ethnic Albanians that they have hardly even noticed that the province's best-known candidate is a ruthless militia leader, a Serbian hero or war criminal, depending on your

point of view. For weeks advertisements on Serbian television have trumpeted the candidacy of Zeljko Raznjatovic, better known as Arkan. "He's a good and honest man, who won't sell us down the river," said Zoran,

a market-stall holder. Arkan's militia, known as the Tigers, fought in eastern Croatia and captured cast Bosnian towns such as Zvoroik in a blitzkrieg last spring. Fleeing Muslims hardly knew what had had hit them. Arkan's name crops up frequently in lists of war crimes compiled by the US State Department and in reports by human

rights organisations. Ostensibly a pastry-shop owner in Belgrade, Arkan is rumoured to have been a long-time operative for the Yugoslav intelligence services, and to have strong Mafia contacts.

Such stories are dismissed by most Kosovo Serbs. "Arkan and Milosevic [the Serb president] are defenders of the Serbian people and they are fighting Fascism together," Mileva, a café proprietor,

Jelena, a teacher at Pristina University. said: "He looks such a lamb, but it worries me, because wherever he's been there's been trouble. I heard that he was involved in crime and wanted to enter parliament so that he could have parliamentary immunity. Who knows what to believe?"

Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leaders say that Arkan's candidacy is a "provocation", and according to Edita Tahiri, a member of the Kosovo Albanian phantom parliament, "a mirror of the future of Serbian democracy". They are not participating in the poll because they have already voted to leave Serbia.

US forces the pace in drive to halt Serbs

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE new diplomatic campaign to secure allied support for tough measures to curb the Bosnian conflict is being driv-en from Washington. The Bush administration's diplomatic offensive was, sources said, prompted by France's decision to support an enforce-ment resolution and by the interventions last week of George Shultz the former Secretary of State, and Bill

Clinton, the president-elect. Mr Clinton supported the enforcement resolution and said it was time to "turn up the heat" on the Serbs. This reportedly followed an intensive review of the Bosnian conflict by his foreign policy advisers. Mr Clinton argued during the presidential elec-tion campaign for greater American intervention, and these views now seem to be influencing US policy, even before the formal handover at the White House.

In Stockholm, Lawrence Eagleburger, the Secretary of State, yesterday met Douglas



Snowbound: a British convoy to Sarajevo, photographed by Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, held up after a lorry slips off track

Hurd, the foreign secretary, and sought to enlist his backing for measures that included a new United Nations resolution to enforce militarily the no-fly zone over Bosnia. But Britain has doubts. Mr Hurd said later: "I am laying back from that just for a moment." In New York, American diplomats were pushing that resolution hard. But the administration wanted tougher wording than proposed in a

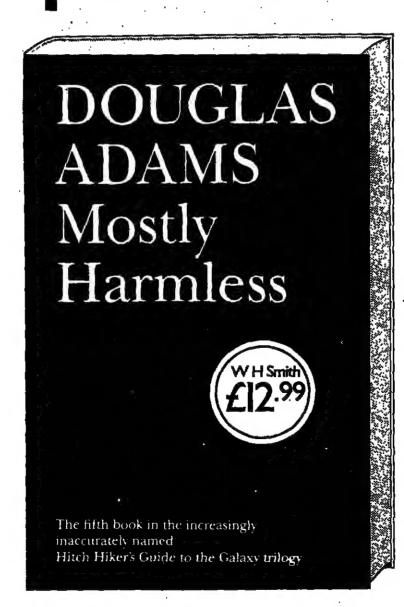
French draft, it wanted authorisation not only to shoot down Serbian aircraft violating the zone but to attack

Serbian airfields too. Mr Eagleburger is also advocating a partial lifting of the

UN arms embargo so that the Bosnians could better defend themselves. Britain has stronger reservations about that, and France is also dubious. The Stockholm Conference on Security and Co-operation in

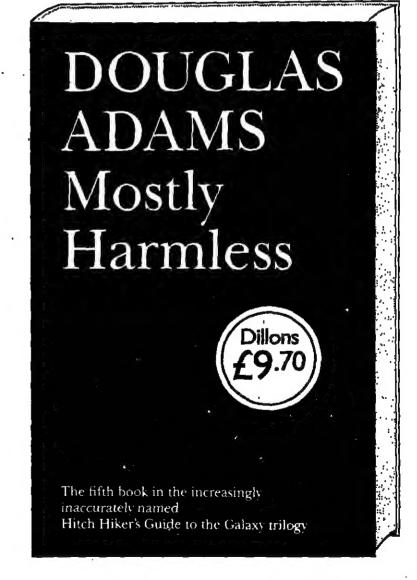
Europe agreed only that the UN should "consider" hining the embargo. At Washington's bidding, the conference yesterday approved the idea of war crimes trials for those respon-

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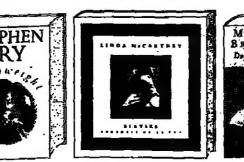


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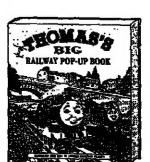












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Russia has changed gear but stays on the road to reform



Kozyrev: showed West Russia is good partner

EAST EUROPE

ANDREI Kozyrev's prank, played out before a dour session of foreign ministers in fundamental questions about Russia: is the political pendu-lum swinging away from re-form? And, if not, which way is

it going? Mr Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, read a speech that set out the foreign policy of a hardline Kremlin. Russia, he announced, would act to help Serbia against the West and would use military and economic measures to press the 14 new ex-Soviet nations into a Russian empire. "Has the Cold war returned?" asked a stunned

Italian delegate. Then Mr Kozyrev read a second speech that renounced the first and followed the relatively amiable lines of foreign policy under President Yeltsin. It was supposed to be an object lesson in what could happen if Mr Yeltsin fell. First reports about the new Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the conservative economic planner, add to the general fear that Russia is on the brink of a

Russian history is full of such reversals, posed variously as a battle between reform and reaction, democracy and discipline, or European modernisers versus traditional nationalists. Sometimes these contradictions are contained Peter the Great, the tsar who

also murdered his son. Catherine the Great, who toyed with French liberalism, murdered her husband. The Bolsheviks, erstwhile champions of selfdetermination, spent bloody years in power restoring the

administrative centre, saying that he wants to reproduce the ruling techniques of the Communist polithuro. Moreover. the new prime minister, de-spite his background, seems to speak not for reactionary app-aratchiks but for those quite

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structure of empire. It is not at all clear though that the current crisis is a struggle between reformers and reactionaries. Mr Yeltsin is being challenged on many fronts, and not just by former Communists who want to restore a command economy or rebuild

the empire Many local authorities, for example, resent Mr Yeltsin's attempts to create a new

reasonable democrats who argue for a coherent industrial

Russia took over some of the shock-therapy policies tried with qualified success in Poland, yet Poland has already moved on, realising that the monetarist remedies could not alone solve the problem of privarising huge chunks of state industry

There are, in short, many

may well be that Mr Chernomyrdin represents one of them. Even if the pendulum were to swing decisively away from the liberalisers, reform has already developed a degree of autonomy.

As many as 20 per cent of Russians, 30 million people, depend on income from pri-vate companies and there are already more than 200,000 co-operatives. No one can pretend that reform in Russia is racing forward, but it is moving and is all but

None the less, the old communist structures still exist and they may spell future trouble. Mikhail Gorbachev failed to define the role of the Communist party in a society that had been destroyed by

that party. Mr Yeltsin banned the Communist party but did not solve the problem. The central planning system may have lost its monopolies, pricing functions and political sense, but it exists in a thousand different networks.

By the same token, the army is virtually out of political control but has not stopped thinking in political terms. The imperial mentality holds sway. A recent article in Novoye Vremya — close in spirit to Mr Kozyrev's foreign ministry - announced: "Our country can and must be a naval supernower." Russia did not need tanks, but rather new

warships and refuelling bases. Is this an early warning signal from those pushing the pendulum towards a national-ist empire-building great pow-

er? Perhaps, but there are also grounds for optimism. There has been no major social discontent despite the fact living standards have plunged and hyperinflation of 1,300 per cent has undermined savings and pensions. And Russia's move from imperial superpower to its present uncertain status has caused sur-prisingly few political ructions since the coup attempt of

August 1991. Loud noises from parliament and grumblings or quixotic dreams from the generals and admirals are a small price to pay for the shift to Euro-pean partnership. The value of Mr Kozyrev's two speeches is that the West now realises how stable and dependable a partner Russia has become in a few short years.

Washington and IMF unnerved by Gaidar's fall

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

THE fall of the reformist Yegor Gaidar as Russia's acting prime minister and his replacement by a conservative technocrat. committed to slowing down the drive towards a free market economy, has shaken the Bush administration and unnerved senior officials at the International

Monetary Fund (IMF). There were fears in Washington last night that the change may be the start of a backlash by hardliners in the

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Russian Congress that will result in the undoing of President Yeltsin.

State Department officials will watch to see if other radical members of the Russian president's reformist cabinet follow Mr Gaidar out of office. Their anxiety will mount if Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, declines to serve under Viktor Chemomyrdin, the new prime minster. An international muit billion-dollar aid package for the Soviet Union, agreed last summer but as yet unreleased. could be jeopardised if Russia's inflation rate rockets as a result of the new leader's

Coup plotters released from prison

FROM BRUCE CLARK

THE lifting of a custody order on Anatoli Lukyanov, the former parliamentary chairman who faces high treason charges following the Moscow putsch of August 1991, was probably influenced by polifical factors, his lawyer said. In a development that

would have caused a sensation if it had not coincided with a broader government crisis, Mr Lukyanov, a senior army commander and two top KGB men have all been set free pending their trial.

The release of the four, by far the most senior figures linked with the coup to have been set free, aroused suspicions that it was part of a broader political deal between President Yeltsin and the conservative opposition.

determination to prop up ailing state industries with large-

Mr Gaidar was popular and trusted in Washington and his steadfastness in the face of opposition was admired. He scored a big hit last February when he detailed his privatisation plans. The Bush administration, which had thought Mr Gaidar safe from Congress after Mr Yeltsin's weekend pledge to stand by his acting prime minister. has adopted a wait-and-see

"It's really incumbent on us to give this government a chance," said a State Department official. The most important thing is that Yeltsin is still president. But reform

forces are on the defensive." The official noted that, if the commitment to economic reform fades, Washington's strong relationship with Mr Yeltsin would be affected. The burning question is whether Russia's economic transformation has developed sufficient momentum for it not b depend on personalities.

reform-minded government has gone with Mr Gaidar, his entire philosophy of reform, the economics of shock therapy, has gone, too. The trouble with shock therapy is that it has been more popular in the West and within the IMF than within the countries where it is being applied, at least after an initial period of enthusiasm. The Russian Congress, and before it the electorates of Lithuania and Poland, have endorsed shock therapy only up to a point. The subsequent U-turn does not constitute a rejection of the reforms as much as the speed and the methods with which

they are pursued. Put simply, it takes one day to free prices but many years to restructure an industry. In between there is chaos, and this is precisely where Russia stands at present. Opponents to radicalism believe that industry and the economic structures should be reformed

simultaneously.

There is little indication. however, that a new government will be able to walk the tightrope between inflation and falling output any more successfully than the old one.

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Double act: President Yeltsin. right, and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, before meeting the German chancellor at the Kremlin yesterday

Chernomyrdin brings skills of a manager to the market

VIKTOR Chernomyrdin, who was elected prime minister of Russia yesterday, is far from being an unreconstructed Brezhnevite. As the head of Russia's vast national gas industry, he has shown a marked aptitude for managing economic and technical reform, while avoiding the pitfalls of a headlong rush to a market system.

He came to prominence as gas minister under Mikhail Gorbachev, to whom he bears a striking resemblance. In 1989, the gas ministry was transformed into Gazprom. technically a state concern. At first the transformation. which was largely Mr Chernomyrdin's idea, aroused hostility and mirth in Russia and puzzled foreign observers. Mr Chernomyrdin's title had changed from minister to chairman, but it was said that

nothing had changed. In fact, a great deal had changed. Mr Chernomyrdin was convinced that Russia's huge gas exports to West Europe were underpriced; in 1990 he outmanoeuvred the buyers' cartel by forming a gas marketing venture with the German oil company Wintershall. The European gas industry will never again ake Russia for granted.

Gazprom began refurbishing the huge, ramshackle infrastructure of the gas industry. Mr Chernomyrdin has opened parts of the gas business to Western firms with something to offer. Brit-ish Gas. Gaz de France and the German Ruhrgas are helping to update Russia's

distribution networks. But in a period when Russia's other strategic industries were stiding into

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chaos. Mr Chernomyrdin's two greatest achievements were to keep the gas flowing and stop the gas industry from breaking up into war-ring groups. In contrast, oil production was collapsing. and with it vital export

revenues. Mr Chemomyrdin's elevation to deputy prime minister in May of this year was the first recognition of his achievement by the Yeltsin government. Whether he succeeds as well in managing the pace of reform in the wider sphere may be open to doubt. He is determined to give Russian industry the investment it needs while protecting the long-suffering Russian people from the full consequences of a shift to market economics.

But there is no question

about Mr Chernomyrdin's

abilities one German cap-tain of industry described him recently as the most impressive manager and negotiator he had ever met. During a long interview in 1991, Mr Chernomyrdin struck me as a highly intelligent, forceful and humorous man, with a thorough grasp of the imperatives of the market and the requirements of his own industry - not

always coincident. Above all, Mr Chernomyrdin is a Russian patriot: he will place the preservation of his country before slavish adherence to the economic prescriptions with which the Yeltsin government is bombarded.

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Germans hope for continuity

Yeltsin tackles debt burden

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

HELMUT Kohl stepped out of his plane into the snow at Moscow airport on Monday night and met a short, thickset, balding Russian official whom he had never heard of before. Neither had most of the German officials accompanying their chancellor. For a few minutes there was heated debate as to who Viktor Chernomyrdin was.

The news of President Yeltsin's appointment of the energy minister to replace the reformist, Yegor Gaidar, as prime minister spread gloom among the German delegation, already worried by previ-ous signs of Russian backtracking on reform. The Bonn government has continued to emphasise strong support for Mr Yeltsin, but the conservative press in Germany was very critical of him even before the latest forced compromises. Some hope has been taken

from Mr Chernomyrdin's successful record as chief of gas production, which has held steady in recent years, in sharp contrast to oil. "After all, energy and raw materials are the only thing Russia has to sell that Germany and the West are really interested in."

Germany is by far Russia's largest creditor and is now owed \$22 billion (£14 billion) in state debts by the former Soviet republics, all of which have been taken on by Russia. After meetings with Russian

ministers yesterday, Jürgen Möllemann, the German economy minister, said that the Paris Club of creditor nations will meet tomorrow to discuss rescheduling the debt. In January, there will be a new decision on credit guarantees to the Commonwealth

of Independent States. The KOHLAKST

Paris Club previously asked Russia to pay back \$5 billion next year, but appears to have moved towards Moscow's offer of \$2.5 billion.

President Yeltsin said yesterday, before flying with Herr Kohl to his residence at Zavi-dovo, that Russia's debts were a key subject of their talks. He said that they had also discussed conversions of military industry and the creation of joint ventures, "especially in Siberia and the Far East".

Russia is expected to get an extra DM500 million (£203

million) in return for pulling its troops out of Germany six months earlier than the present deadline of December 31, 1994. Russia is also reported to be getting DM1 biltion in extra reparations for Nazi war crimes.

Russia has been demanding DM12 billion in compensa-tion for military installations in eastern Germany, German officials have pointed out that the bases are worse than worthless, since Bonn will have to spend large sums deaning up environmental damage and unexploded munitions, for which Russia should really compensate Germany. Part of the deal being worked out in Moscow involves both sides dropping

any compensation demand President Yeltsin said yesterday that he plans to establish a foundation to support the ethnic Germans whom Stalin deported from Russia to Central Asia. It is very doubtful, however, that this will stem their exodus to Germany. The idea of re-creating a German autonomous republic on the Volga is said to be dead, killed by local Russian resistence and indifference from the ethnic Germans themselves.

EC rushes to clinch trade agreements

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S presidency of the European Community has desperate attempt to paper over some yawning gaps in the 1993 single market. The EC's agriculture, finance, environment and tele-

communications ministers already have flown into Brussels for last-minute talks. The roll call goes on tomorrow. when internal market and trade ministers will arrive, and continues next week as transport ministers try to sort out their differences. Not all the talks are proving

successful. Some of the topics may seem banal, but to the 380 million citizens of the EC they are the test of whether the Community has delivered its promise of putting the consumer first from January 1.

Road haulage is the most refusing to allow foreign hauliers to pick up business on its territory until its partners agree to share some of the costs for its autobahns. Earlier this year the European Court of Justice stopped Bonn from enforcing a new road-use tax of about £3.600 a year on all lorries using its motorways. Now Germany says that until a higher minimum rate of vehicle excise duty is agreed between the EC states, it will not allow a single market in transport on its territory. German hauliers pay about £2,600 in duty each year. while competitors in southern

Europe pay as little as £300. Agriculture ministers yesterday returned to discussing the sale of bananas in the EC from January 1. The problems are threefold. Former colonial powers, such as France and Britain, feel they have a moral duty to protect the EC markets of their former African, Caribbean and Pacific colonies, many of whose economies are

dependent on banana exports. But protectionist tariffs on non-colonial bananas conflict with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and countries without colonial ties. such as Germany — the EC's biggest consumer of bananas - want more cheap imports from Latin America. Thirdly, the EC's own banana produc-ers - Italy, Greece. Spain and

France's maritime possessions

- want their access to the EC market maintained. Ministers were close to a tonne quota from Latin America, taxed at 10 per cent, with above this taxed at 40 per cent. with this higher level of duty to be abolished after six years.

The same ministers clashed on Monday over potatoes. The European Commission wants a common marketing regime to begin on January 1, backed

to help French, Irish and southern European potato

Yesterday Christiane Scrivener, the customs commissioner, said that lorries will be able drive through the EC's internal horders unhindered from January 1. Many compan: chairmen doubt it.



Scrivener: EC borders will be open to drivers

Dilemma for Delors as Dutch minister joins Brussels ranks

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE unexpected announcement yesterday that the longserving Dutch foreign minister. Hans van den Broek, was to join the ranks of Jacques Delors's European commissioners next month adds spice to the quadrennial game of musical chairs at the op of the EC.

If the Maastricht treaty on political and economic union is ratified, the next Commission will last for only two years and the list of names which the Community's govern-ments are sending M Delors will begin to look a little lacklustre. M Delors himself was made president of the 17person body which frames and enforces EC policy for the third time last summer, but has been waiting all autumn for a full set of nominations

M Delors can try tempting the politicians or bureaucrats he fancies having in Brussels by hinting that they will be offered one of the high-profile portfolios, but governments make the final choices.

But M Delors enjoys one day of undisputed power: he alone decides who does what. Mr van den Broek will instantly become one of the big beasts of the Commission jungle, since he will be one of the handful capable of telling M Delors where to get off.

He did that when, as chairman of the EC foreign ministers' council in the summer of permission to switch EC sanctions policy during the Moscow coup against Mikhail Gorbachov. M Delors did not take the rebuff gracefully. Mr van den Broek is likely

portfolio now being abandoned by his departing compatriot, Frans Andriessen. With a huge aid programme for Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union, and negotia-tions to come with countries wanting to join the EC, the job is now too vast for one man. Sir Leon Brittan, the successful competition commissioner, wants a slice of the action.

to have been promised some part of the foreign affairs

This leaves M Delors with a tricky dilemma. He would like Sir Leon out of the powerful competition directorate, as he has been too successful at bashing Parisian corporatism and subsidies for M Delors's liking. But no president would want two powerful commissioners quarrelling over disdemarcation lines between their jobs.

Craxi named in bribes investigation

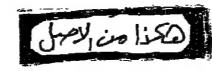
FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

MAGISTRATES yesterday informed Bettino Craxi, the Socialist party leader, that he is under investigation in connection with the biggest postnection with the biggest post-war corruption scandal in Italy and the alleged payment by businessmen of bribes worth 30 billion lire (£14 million) to his party with his knowledge.

knowledge.
Politicians from across the spectrum called for Signor Craxi to resign as party secretary after he was told he is being investigated for possible charges of aiding and abetting comption, receiving stolen goods and violating laws on

financing political parties.

Signor Craxi. a former. prime minister, yesterday denied personal involvement in the scandal.



US and French troops cheered by Somalis on route to famine city

FROM PAUL HOLMES IN BALL DOGLE, SOMALIA

CROWDS of Somalis turned out to cheer a convoy of US and French troops pushing towards the famine capital of Baidoa from Mogadishu

Young children gave thumbs-up and V signs as the 70 vehicles wound through impoverished villages in the first ground thrust into Somalia's worst hunger zone by Operation Restore Hope. The convoy of 530 American Marines and 142 French legionnaires met no resistance from Somali gunmen who, by dis-rupting relief work, indirectly led the United Nations to dispatch a multinational force,

The troops, accompanied by scores of reporters and cameramen, sighted a lone "technical" - Somali battlewagon - just before they arrived at Bali Dogle, once a Soviet air base. American troops say they will not tolerate any interference, but Washington will not allow them to disarm gunmen systematically. French "pa-

With their berets pulled down stylishly over

one eye and their guns

pointing casually to the ground, the men of the

French Foreign Legion cut a dashing figure on the streets

of the Somali capital when

they arrived last, week as

part of the UN armed relief

only minutes but witnesse

by millions of television

viewers throughout the world on Monday night has shattered that debonair im-

age. The sight of several

standing by while a young

consorting with French

troops, was attacked by an

angry mob has seriously

wounded the Legion's pride.

undoubtedly sees itself as a

the world's champion of human rights, had accepted

its role in the humanitarian

aid mission with relative

humility. Media coverage in

France had been wide-

spread, but low key, quite

unlike the fanfare in

If the attack on the

woman was the first real

sign of anti-foreigner senti-

ment in Somalia since the

start of Operation Restore

Hope a week ago, it was yet

one more illustration of the

growing tension between

the American and French

troops, who between them

form the majority of the

S everal hours before the attack. French legion-

naires had been ordered by

the US command to return a

machinegun confiscated

from a Somali, who the Americans said was acting

as a bodyguard to Red Cross

workers.
For the French mass circu-

lation daily newspaper, France-Soir, commented:

"In the Iraqi desert, the

French Foreign Legion

walked hand in hand with

American soldiers. This is no

longer the case in Somalia."

it said yesterday.
While the American and

French presidents continue

to issue contradictory state-

ments about the nature of

multinational task force.

Until then Fran

America.

One ugiy scene lasting

ras", veterans of African crises from Zaire to Burundi, say they were under orders to secure Baidoa airfield by dawn today.

In Mogadishu, Colonel Jean-Paul Perruque, the French spokesman, said as many as 2,000 of the 2,200strong French contingent would be deployed in Baidoa. Others would move further west to the town of Hoddur. French forces are happy to be

going to Baidoa," he said.

Aid workers in Baidoa, where up to 70 people are dying every day, have been barricaded in heavily fortified compounds waiting for the troops to arrive. Helicopters hovered low over the US convoy as it moved through the shattered streets of the capital. As it neared the US embassy on the main southern exit from Mogadishu, guns held by Somalis at one checkpoint quickly vanished, only to reappear after the last vehicle

the operation - François

Mitterrand insists that the

troops should be able to

disarm any Somali who threatens the relief opera-

tion while George Bush repeatedly denies that this is

part of their task - the

confusion on the ground is

Despite the fact that the

French legionnaires are op-

exating firmly under US

command according to in-

ternationally-agreed guide-

lines, there is a tacit understanding, in France at

least, that they are better suited to the barsh and arid

conditions the task force

The legionnaires are in-

deed among the toughest

professional soldiers in the

world, in spite of their

romantic image. Stationed in the tiny city state of Djibouti, in the horn of

Africa, the 2,000 legion-naires taking part in the

operation have undergone

one of the most rigorous

desert training programmes of any army. They are given

six litres of water a day,

compared to the 30 litres

that US servicemen were

given in Saudi Arabia in the

The Legion maintains the

I romantic tradition of al-

lowing recruits to assume a

new identity for their five-

year contracts, but only one

in five now takes up this

option. These days the vast

majority are young men from Eastern Europe, most

of whom join for largely

One thing in the Legion however will never change.

As shown by the motto

tattooed on many a bulging bicep — Legion patria nostra (the Legion is our

country) - their first alle-

giance is not to the state but

France believe the legion-

naires have a distinct moral

advantage over the US Ma-

economic reasons.

run-up to the Gulf war.

faces in Somalia.

understandable.

Frisson of unease

in French ranks

From Alexandra Frean in paris

When the famine in Somalia first made international headlines in August, some 400 people a day were dying in Baidoa, capital of the famine-stricken Bay region. The wretched town has been looted several times as ragtag

rival militias swapped control. Aid workers in Baidoa have criticised the US-led force for not coming sooner. Somali "technicals" have been skulking around the town, looking for a chance for one more looting spree before troops restore a semblance of law and order. Several people have been killed in clan battles over the last week, but aid workers said the town was calm

yesterday.
The White House spokes man, Marlin Fitzwater, told reporters on Monday the US administration would not risk its troops by systematically seizing weapons which are part of the landscape in the shattered Horn of Africa nation. "Our mission has always been [that] we would collect arms as they became available and as we encountered them. But disarmament was not a stated part of our mission and that has not changed," he

Relief workers pressed a senior American officer to explain Washington's stand on the issue in Mogadishu. "Is the Unified Task Force to be the gendarme of all of Somalia? The answer is 'No'." replied Colonel Kevin Kennedy. American embassy liaison officer to the humanitarian

agencies (Reuter) I London: Critics in Somalia of the US relief effort are claiming there is a difference in approach to the mission between the American and French troops, with Paris adopting a tougher stand on disarming the roving militia. (Michael Evans writes).

The perception is that the Americans, who have been ordered to stick strictly to a humanitarian role, are sweeping through Somalia as superpower benefactors, only taking weapons from gunmen who cross their path.

The French, on the other hand, with far more experience of Africa than the Americans, see themselves colonial peace enforcers, wielding authority to impose law and order. They view disarmament as a vital compo-

nent of their UN mandate. The French attitude towards Somalia is bound to be affected by their long association with Africa. Most of the older French legionnaires involved in the humanitarian operation will have served up to 10 years on the African continent during their careers and are fully

conversant with the culture. American troops will ap-proach this mission from a different viewpoint. They have no particular knowledge or empathy with the local culture, but they will be fired by the order from their commanderin-chief, President Bush, to save the lives of starving women and children.

Trials at Baidoa, page 1



Rabin says 1,200 radicals seized

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

THE latest round in Israel's increasingly bloody battle with the Muslim fundamentalist Hamas movement reached a new peak yesterday when Sergeant Major Nissim Toledano, the kidnapped policeman, was found dead in the West Bank and Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, announced to parliament that 1.200 Hamas activists had been put behind bars.

"Terror has no chance against us," Mr Rabin told parliament. "No one will remove us from here. Not Hamas, not the Popular Front, and not Fatah," he said, referring to the radical and mainstream factions of the Palestine Liberation Org. anisation. It was not clear whether the episode would boost the efforts of Hamas to undermine Arab-Israeli peace talks and eclipse the rival PLO, or discredit it and set back its challenge.

For the government, the abduction prompted renewed criticism from hardliners opposed to the more moderate negotiating line Mr. Rabin has pursued since taking office in June. But the policeman's death also softened questions that may have otherwise been raised about Israel's repression of Hamas. undertaken on Sunday and Monday for the official purpose of interrogating activists on Toledano's whereabouts.

The fundamentalist movement has stung the army with a series of costly attacks on soldiers in recent weeks, including an ambush north of Gaza City that killed three soldiers last Sunday. Unlike the PLO, Hamas is ideologically opposed to a territorial promise with Israel, which it views as usurping sacred Islamic lands. There now seems little pros

pect of an early release for many detainees. Ministers made no effort yesterday to conceal their bitterness that the kidnappers had not fol-lowed the advice of Shaikh Ahmed Yassin, Hamas's jailed leader, to spare Toledano's life. The terrorists deceived the government and led us on in an attempt to negotiate for a hostage they had already murdered," said Binyamin Ben-Eliezer,

housing minister. After the kidnapping on Sunday in the Tel Aviv suburb of Lod, a Hamas cell claimed responsibility and said it would kill the policeman unless authorities freed Shaikh Yassin. Mr Rabin responded by saying he would negotiate

decide whether he was fit to jailed activists, including remain in prison.

Israel also detained the Reuter correspondent in the Gaza Strip, Taher Shriteh. who reported Dr al-Zahar's proposal. The correspondent's arrest brought a protest from Reporters sans Frontières, the French-based

Behind bars: Gaza activist Malmoud al-Zahar has been detained by the Israelis press freedom watchdog. It called on Mr Rabin to ensure his early release. Shaikh Ahmad Beitawi, a preacher at Jerusalem's al-Aksa mosque was among the prominent

West Bank Hamas support-

ers to be arrested. Body retrieved, page 1

NEWS IN BRIEF Peking purges military Peking: Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, has carried out a military reshuffle in the past month, the biggest since the founding of communist China according to an official report yesterday (Catherine Sampson writes). The aim was to bolster the position of Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general sec-retary, the Peking-controlled Wen Wei Po newspaper said. Mr Deng is believed to be

trying to reassert party control over the military.

The paper omitted to mention the widespread belief that the reshuffle is a purge of those loyal to General Yang Baibing. He was removed from all his military posts at the party congress in October.

Grave daubed

Berlin: Suspected neo-Nazis painted swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on the grave of mitic slogans on the grave of Walther Rathenau, the Jewish foreign minister of Germany assassinated by rightwingers in 1922, police said. Rathenau was killed by officers for negotiating with the victorious Allies. (Reuter)

Charge dropped

New York: A Los Angeles judge has ordered that charges be dropped against a Mexican doctor, Humberto Alvarez Machain, who was kidnapped at the behest of the Drug Enforcement forcement Agency and brought to America to stand trial for the murder of a DEA agent in 1985.

Work slip-up

Tokyo: Masakuni Murakami, Japan's new labour minister, retracted a public statement in which he had said that of the top industrialised nations, only the Germans and the Japanese worked hard, which he said explained their success.

Enquiry starts

Johannesburg: The military dictator of the Transkei home-land, Major General Bantu Holomisa, said a judicial en-quiry would investigate the existence of training camps for the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress.

Quake toll rises

Manmere: The death toll from an earthquake in east Indonesia rose to 1,895 as the government stepped up rescue operations on Flores Islan teams recovered more bodies. an official said. (Reuter)

Nest egg

Taipel: A Taiwanese pigeon fancier who tried to use a homing pigeon to collect £75,0000 from a food manufacturer by threatening to poison its products has been arrested, police

the Gaza physician, Dr Mah-mond al-Zahar. Arrested on Monday night at his home, be had suggested a compromise to free both Shaikh Yassin provided signs of life from and Toledano. He said Israel Toledano were provided. should allow a panel of doc-tors to examine the shalkh. Meanwhile, security forces made mass arrests, apparentwho is in poor health, and ly from a long list of previous-UN team is thwarted over Salvador killings

BY DAVID ADAMS

AS BOTH sides in El Salvador's civil war yesterday celebrated the disarmament and demobilisation of the rebel military forces and their conversion into a civilian political party, investigations were continuing into unsolved human rights atrocities which claimed thousands of lives.

A United Nations commission investigating the past crimes is complaining that it has been denied access to American military officials and intelligence documents that could shed light on those responsible. The commission, which was appointed by the

UN as part of the peace accord signed earlier this year, is due to submit a report next month on wartime abuses in an effort to reach an objective account of the 12-year conflict in which 75,000 people died. Among the abuses being investigated is the 1980 murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the 1989 killing of six Jesuit

Thomas Buergenthal, the American member of the UN team, said: "I am particularly annoyed and shocked that I cannot interview American military officers who were in El Salvador." He said a request was turned down by the Pentagon for off-the-record, confidential interviews with no targeting of individuals "just to help us get a picture of what was happening in El Salvador". Instead the Pentagon said he could submit written questions.

"As the US member I find it particularly shocking that I am not allowed to speak to my own citizens who served there. I just find it outrageous and unjustified," he said. Observers believe the Pentagon and the CIA may be hiding embarassing evidence about the role of American officials in the war. The US still officially maintains that many of the alleged army abuses never happened, including the massacre of hundreds of civilians on the Lempa and Sumpul rivers and at a remote village called El Mozote.

☐ Surprise gift: Dan Quayle, making what probably will be his last foreign trip as vicepresident, yesterday delivered a surprise gift — a \$464 million (£290 million) debt reduction at the ceremony

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Ross Perot figure enlivens Korean election

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SEOUL

THE bark of the campaign lorry's loudspeakers split the freezing dusk air like an axe. Bundled up in a rough grey coat and smiling as stiffly as a frozen fish, an opposition party cumpaigner was addressing a rapt crowd of working class South Koreans, offering populist give aways such as lower taxes with all the assurance of

a veteran democrat. But South Korea's democracy is only five years old, born under President Roh Tae Woo, the latest in three decades of military leaders. On Friday it will be put to the test when the country goes to the polls to elect its first civilian

It does not take much president. detective work to predict that the name of the next man to lead Korea. He will be President Kim. a dissident and aperennial presidential aspi-

rant. The difficult part is predicting which of the two Kims who fit this description will win. They are Kim Young Sam, presidential candidate of the ruling Democratic Liberal party and Kim Dae Jung. candidate for the main opposition Democratic Party, and are distinguished, in a country where roughly a quarter of the population answers to the name of Kim, as YS and DJ.

The answer depends largely on the performance of the third main candidate. Chung Ju Yung, the autocratic founder of the Hyundai Group, South Korea's second-largest industrial conglomorate, and leader of the party he founded in January, the United Peo-

pie's party. The charismatic 77-year-old dissident and improve the national econo- world's most powerful mum- ionate as ever.

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Was never portrayed without hunched shoulders, heavy eye

MARTIN FLETCHER

my. Mr Chung is often referred to as the Ross Perot of the Korean presidential election, a self-made tycoon offering populist pledges and threatening to upset the dynamics of what was to have been a two man race.

Mr Chung is not happy with the comparison. "I am much, much richer than Mr Perot," he said recently. His personal wealth is estimated at £22 billion (the second highest in the country) a fortune that has arisen from the kind of flinty parsimony that drives Mr Chung to build and repair his modest home from Hyundai cast-offs and to wear his shoes until holes appear in

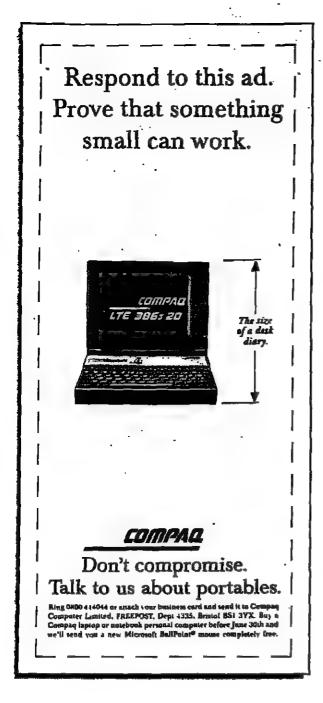
The rags to riches tale of Mr Chung's ascendancy from the poor, ill-educated rice delivery boy to chairman of one of the

sector industrial groups holds great appeal for Korea's working classes. While that appeal and an estimated 400 billion won (£336 million) to spare for his campaign, is unlikely to send Mr Chung to the Blue House, many analysts believe that he has attracted supporters in droves from traditionally pro-Democrtaic Liberal party sectors and will turn the election into a very close race between the two Kims.

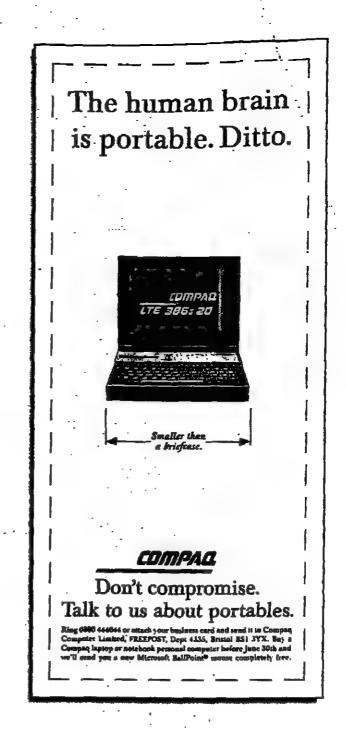
With between 25 and 40 per cent of the electorate said to be still undecided, unofficial polls give Kim Young Sam a Whatever the outcome, Mr

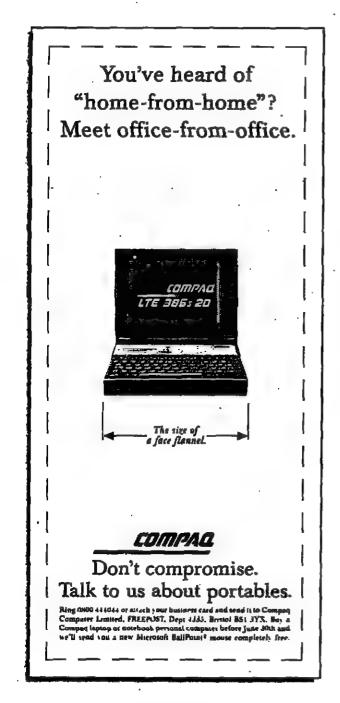
Chung's candidacy has stirred up political debate in the nation's bus queues and cafes and is likely to ensure that the Korean love affair with the voting booth remains as pass-

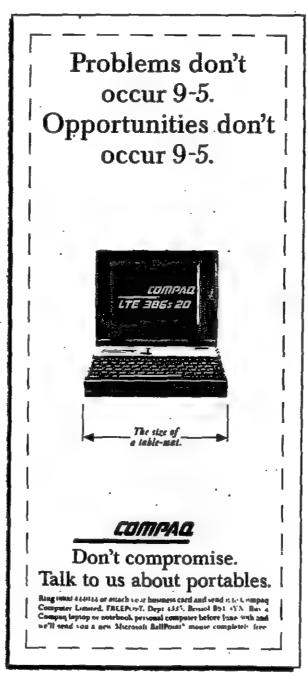
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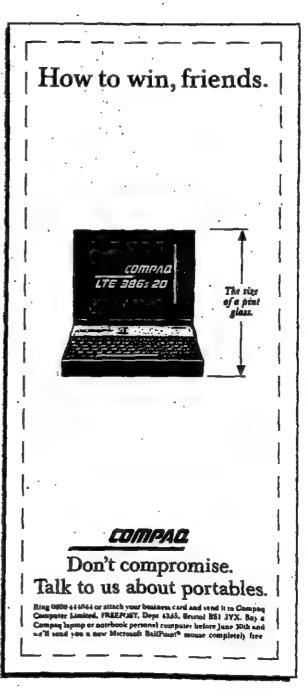












The new leaders in hardware are now firm believers in paperware.

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PEOPLE PAPERS there'

Whether suits or hotpants are the order of the day . . . the office dress code must be followed, says Rosie Millard





Dress sense: computer manager Tracy Wyman and surveyor Jonathan Dean in their offices. "The general rule is not to dress better than your boss." Ms Wyman says

Keeping up appearances

homas Pink, the shirtmaker, has an advertisement running in some of the smarter journals featuring a senior partner admonishing a subordinate, the message underneath runs like that . . . " (the point being that he should dress in shirts by Thomas Pink). Fond imagining maybe, but the underlying message is a truism. As any ambitious office worker knows, it is imperative to wear the

right gear for work. The office dress code is as acknowledged as ever, albeit mostly an unwritten one. It is a message to which employees' antennae are immediately tuned when they enter the office on day one, and which they continue to observe for the rest of their working life.

"You always have to wear a correct tie." says Jonathan Dean, a surveyor at the property firm Healey & Baker. You never know who you're going to meet. I once wore a Liberty tie and it was definitely the wrong thing. People started making vague com-ments about it. Go in without a tie?

His colleague Amanda Pearce was equally clear about the firm's dress code for its female employees. "We all wear skirts and jackets. Never trou-

sers. In fact, the secretaries have all had memos saying No Trousers. I think surveying is such a male-dominated profession that if you walked in wearing a trouser suit. people might say you were trying to

Most people get the hang of what to wear by observing their peers and seniors. When in doubt, refer upwards, but take care not to get too carried away. "The general rule is not to dress better than your boss." says Tracy Wyman, a computer manager who recently moved from the Rome to the London branch of American Express. "If he or she is wearing a suit, then you should wear a slort and jacket, but not the full deal."

The Italian idea of dressing for work is not quite along the same lines as ours; according to Ms Wyman, The Italians are expected to dress as sexually as possible. All the women

wear tight skirts and low neck-lines." "We get many cases about dress codes," says June Bridgeman, who is the deputy chair of the Equal Oppor-tunities Commission, "including ones from men who wish to go to work in a dress." According to Ms Bridgeman, there is nothing written down in law about what you must or must not wear to the office, but most legal cases concerning this matter

follow a 1977 test case, in which it and I had to come to work in a dinner was decided that "the employer is entitled to a large measure of discretion in controlling the image of his

establishment . .

And very confusing these images an office worker, was dismissed from her job at Stoke-on-Trent Community Transport for wearing trousers. In contrast, employees at London Weekend Television regularly come in to work sporting velveteen hotpants, chiffon tops and Wonderbras. In fact, dress along these lines is actively encouraged, according to Susie Aplin, a music researcher for the Aspel programme. "My father says if he was my boss, he'd fire me for what I go to work in: but if I turned up in a suit, l'd just be laughed at, l'd feel like . a fish out of water.'

owever, if the interview were with Red Ken rather than Simply Red, formal dress would be de rigueur. "We have to wear ties to work in case we are suddenly called to interview the Queen, or an MP." says Mark Gregory, the producer on BBC2's Newsnight. "I think a cabinet minister would say something if you turned up in jeans. The other day I was covering the Chancellor's speech

Perhaps all this silent legislation regarding office dress began with the Civil Service, long lampooned for operating in pin-stripes and bowlers.
Yet according to Ms Bridgeman. who began her Civil Service career in the mid-1950s, the bastions of Whitehall are in fact more open to liberal values than one might give them credit for. "The Civil Service wants to give an image of control and serious authority and when I started, all the men did walk around in black jackets and striped trousers. But in the late 1960s we had some economists from several universities in my department. They all wore pink shirts and floppy bow ties and even smoked small cigars. This influence began to pervade and some of my colleagues

started turning up in pink shirts."

By the 1970s, a hapless secretary of state tried to stop the women in Whitehall from wearing trouser suits. Ms Bridgeman says he had to "back down". It didn't stop there. "About five years ago I was outside walking past my office, when I saw a bunch of bearded people in jeans," she says. "I thought 'Oh no, it's a demo.' It turned out to be my own staff waiting for the daily milk delivery." However, it would seem that

propriety in office dress is still as strong as ever, and not only from the point of the hirers and firers. Melissa Court, an accounts consultant at the travel operators Trailfinders, takes pride in turning up for work well "Looking smart gives you great self-esteem. If you go into work wearing leggings and an old sweater, I don't see how you can operate properly. It probably wouldn't physically impair your performance, but it might do mentally. What you wear to work displays your attitude to yourself and

Even that almighty obstacle course, the office party, is still an arena wherein most choose to play the propriety card as regards dress. Gone are those helpful hints from women's magazines about lipstick-stained teeth or over-full corsets. With a sophisticated sixth sense, we are all expected to know just how to dress for the office, day or night. Perhaps it just isn't worth upsetting the balance for the sake of a Westwood bustier or Gaultier male skirt. "There was a secretary who turned up to our Christmas do in a kind of bra," says Ms Pearce, "That caused a bit of a stir. But most of us just wear traditional stuff. We're a very staid bunch, I'm afraid,"

Not in my stocking

hristmas, Mammon bless it, remains a land of fantasy. The whole occasion pullulates with traditions, large numbers of them utterly spurious but nonetheless beloved. One, for instance, is the concept that television raises itself briefly from the mediocre to the marginally viewable. Another, of an even more recent vintage, is that men - new men, now men - have forsaken their old loves, the ill-matched ties and socks, the tasteless sweater, the aftershave gleaned from the by-products of chemical waste, and turned instead to a variety of excruciatingly tasteful plea-sures — all strutting their glossy stuff across the pages of the style magazines.

And unlike those other "men's magazines", here we have a world that really does come across as "men only". than as the basis of one's seasonal wish-list, the assumption seems to be that they're 'Let's

indulge.

Come

back

Aunty's

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all going to other men. Does this denote some homo-erotic subconscious? The Janet Reger confections of yestervear. expensive indulgences that deverty combined the smug joy of

barely disguised

promise of future excess, are strictly off limits. These pages, garlanded with "objects of desire" (GQ), their message an unashamed "Acquire" (Esquire) are redolent with pleasures one can only term self-gratification. Creditcard, rather than self, abuse no doubt, but still heavy on the preening. And like the much vilified lonely art, they have that tang of instant gratification followed. I fear, by swift emotional

The problem is not one of taste. If there's one thing all these new presents present. it's an air of very good taste. indeed. Neither green nor red appears on such pages, and nary a sprig of holly dares rear its head, almatt black, does seem to be

hanging grimly on. So what do you get? What, if your girl friend, boy friend, flesh and blood object of desire or even your old mum is on the right wavelength, do the stylists suggest you might receive? Or, since these are billed as gifts for giving rather than receiving, what are to be the objects of your attempt to help your country spend its way out of the recession? And spend you must. These objects are not cheap.



JONATHON GREEN

Let's check out the bazzar. Tell me, who do you actually know whose eyes, still gummed from last night's clubbing, yearn to open upon 90 quids worth of silver Bic? Or the Finance Pack, an add-on for your electronic organiser, which, inter alia, "warns of impending overdrafts by

beeping". Or a chair called, ask not why,

Or indeed, an there with olivepippers and solar powered swizzle sticks. the "qwango", cssentially a stick with a scoop, which is to

employed one dog's ball from the ground. thus avoiding any unsightly spittle stains on the Hugo Boss. Then there's the electric stapler, fifty-five, count them, fifty-five

pounds and indeed 50p for a matt black Alien lookalike which, presumably, clones much the same duties as its lowly hand-held cousins. And there's more. A small chunky packet nestles beneath the tree. Unwrapped it reveals some CDs. But no music here, unless it be that of chomping teeth, for these are the Sony Masterworks Dinner Classics: a melange, as the caffs put it, of romantic music, classic menus and

recipes from Keith Floyd. O

tempura, O morels, tial Christmas myth is that it should be comforting, homey. These are not comforting magazines: they do not · advocate soothing gifts. Fi-nal repositories of the dreams of a dead decade, they struggle to keep the yuppie flames guttering still But this is Christmas, let's indulge the fantasies. Enough with competitive consumption. Come back Aunty's ill-knit sweater, and some slippers would be lovely too.

Sarah Mower is on holiday

for crime! ng soaring

every minute ... There's one drawn Bill Clinton and his "car dealer hair" are a gift for cartoonists o America's political cartoonists Bill Clinton is a face just begging to be exploited, a physiognomic For starters there is that hair, one reason cited regularly by voters during the election for sticking with President Bush. "A blow-dried steel wall," Tom Toles of the Buffalo News says. "A porcupine helmet," says Jim Borgman of the Cincinnati Enquirer. "Car-dealer hair," says Pat Oliphant, a widely-syndicated

The face that launched a thousand quips: the Clinton look as seen by, from left, Kal, Mike Luckovich and Wright

ton Globe, calls it "a remarkable haircut", adding: "He keeps toying with it. He keeps looking for the perfect presidential hairdo. I try to keep up to date with his hair, but it takes a lot of research." Another joy will be one of

Dan Wasserman of the Bos-

cartoonist.

the more bulbous presidential noses ever to grace the Oval Office. "It looks like it be-longed on the face of W. C. Fields," Mr Toles says. I got a complaint from a reader that I was drawing it like a male organ," Mike Luckovich of the Atlanta Constitution says, "I looked at it and he was absolutely right." Below the nose it is a

merciless free-for-all. Auth of

the Philadelphia Inquirer por-trays the next leader of the free world as one enormous chin. Kal of the Baltimore Sun gives him the look of a giant hamster, all cheeks and two protruding upper teeth. Most give him big cheeks,

big jowls, big chin and pro-rruding teeth. Mr Borgman, by way of mitigation, also gives him a "kind of Elvis sort of smile"; but then he admits to being a closet Clinton fan. If the American electorate consisted only of the country's

200 or so political cartoonists. Ross Perot, not Mr Clinton. would be the next president, the winner by a landslide. "As a cartoonist you hope the ugliest guy wins," says Mr Luckovich, and the diminutive, jug-cared Texas billion-aire had no rival in that department. "If Perot had won I'd have had to come in at weekends," Mr Borgman says. "He was visually unique. He was like a gift from the gods dropped in our laps."

But after four years of Mr

Bush, Mr Clinton was still a huge relief. During Mr Bush's term of office his chin has got longer and his forehead ever craggier, but he left most cartoonists cold. He was "angular, thin, did nothing. There was no real character to deal with." Mr Oliphant complains. "He was a fairly generic bureaucrat. It was slim pickings," Mr Borgman agrees. In fact, of recent presidents

a lot, and bumped into things. but was almost legendary for being impossible to portray. "He had a face that looked like the back of my thumb it was so bland," said Don Wright, the veteran cartoonist of the Palm Beach Post. Jimmy Carter, with his blub-

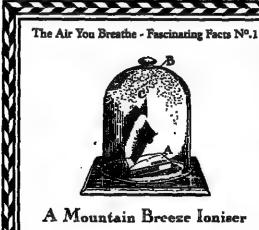
bery lips and great smiling teeth, and Ronald Reagan. with his animated actor's face. were good fodder, but best of all was Richard Nixon, who only Gerald Ford was more unpopular among the doowas never portrayed without dling classes. Mr Ford fell over hunched shoulders, heavy eyebrows and shifty, paranoid

The cartoonists still lavish praise on Tricky Dicky. "Nixon ushered in the golden age of political modern cartoon-ing. He had that wonderful combination of political face and political soul," Mr Borgman says. "Nixon was not only fun to draw, but a criminal as well," Auth says. "From the point of view of post-world war two cartoonists," Mr Wasserman says, "Nixon set a standard of dishonesty and malice against which all others are judged."

These are still early days for Mr Clinton. The cartoonists are striving to distill his physical features into a few instantly-recognisable lines. They have barely begun to infuse those lines with a sense of his personality, and most admit that over the years their characterisations of Mr Bush changed beyond recognition.

According to Mr Wasser-man, "whether Clinton turns out to be an inspiring leader or another in a succession of disappointing liars will be all-determining in how he is depicted. Some of Mr Wasserman's colleagues are already making predictions. As time goes on and his honeymoon fades, expect Mr Clinton's eyes to get closer together, the bags beneath them to become more pronounced and his nose to get larger and larger until someone shows it blowing up in his face.

MARTIN FLETCHER



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Bryan Appleyard

■ Military euphemisms obscure the harsh realities of fighting a real war

alashnikovs and smart bombs may break our bones, but words can do serious damage. Put the right name to something, however horrible, and it becomes feasible. And that is what is now happening worldwide over Bosnia — after months of finding the right language to die for, the rhetoric has, at last, begun to fall into place.

Paddy Ashdown is currently our leading linguist. Reporting from the frontline he says of Sarajevo that "The Serbs now have their thumb on the city's jugular," and adds that the city "has become a symbol of the UN and Europe's capacity to make peace around its borders". The first evokes the old tradition of glorious selfdefence as did Churchill's "some chicken, some neck" speech during the second world war and the second employs the word "symbol" to send a thrill of motivation through the nation. Symbols are always worth a few bodybags. To add high. tough credibility to his bellicose dialect he dismisses a close encounter with Serbian hardware with the insouciant "a mortar round is pretty much the same anywhere".

John Major, less of a rhetorical virtuoso, has fallen back on the dead language of diplomatic militarism. He speaks of "a tinderbox for a wider Balkan conflict". There are no tinderboxes in the real world, there are only ominous memories of the phrase used in 19th-century war games.

This change in the discourse on Bosnia has happened because the humanitarian language has failed. Stopping Serbian rape and infanticide fired popular and some governmental emotion, but the waves of feeling constantly crashed against a sea-wall of complexity and "logistics" another word which has been made commonplace by modern war.

War language has two aims: first to get us to fight and, second, to anaesthetise us when the fighting starts. Mr Ashdown's use of the word "symbol" was a fine example of the first in that it was intended to persuade us that Sarajevo was not just a local mess but a global challenge. Examples of the second are almost laughably familiar from recent wars - "mopping up", "surgical strikes". "exclusion zones" and so on, up to the superb American attempt during Vietnam to rechristen napalm, when it suddenly became regarded as a weapon too hideous and indistriminate to use, as "incendagel".

Once the tanks are rolling the anaesthetic process moves on to the sublimation of real blood into the boyish thrills of strategy and military kit. Doubt will be silenced by the consideration that our boys are in the field and what counts now is winning. Freed from our qualms we become intrigued by the technology and the tactics. The Gulf war was a high-tech show, an almost abstract ballet of cruise missiles and laserguided bombs.

ndeed, the general point about all war language is that it is designed to achieve abstraction. It must remove us from the local truth because, confronted by individual death and suffering, we are inclined to interpret reality as unique and personal. But for war to happen at all it must have a general, transpersonal function.

In Britain war talk springs easily to our lips. In part this is because we have a good record from the second world war through some of the negative campaigns of decolonisation to the positive ones of the Falklands and the Gulf. But, more depressingly, it may be because it is the only good record we have. As almost every British institution from the law to the monarchy seems to be undergoing a total systems failure, only the armed services seem to have maintained a degree of credibility, a unity of language and performance. Their words of can-do seduce and

impress a nation that, increasingly feels, it cannot. Admirable as the armed forces may be, this is. obviously, a dangerous state of mind. Perhaps, in the case of Bosnia, the rhetoric is justified. perhaps we should be talked into war. The problem is that we cannot really tell, the words do not work in the way that they should. As a result, the first bodybags from the Balkans are in danger of being greeted by a deadly silence.

Russia has blown its last real hope of social and economic reform, writes Anne McElvoy in Moscow

hen Boris Yeltsin mounted the Congress podium to announce that he was forsaking Yegor Gaidar as his candidate for prime minister and approving Viktor Chernomyrdin, he stood with his head bowed as if to gather his last reserves of strength before launching into a stumbling, contradictory statement accepting a man as the head of his government who

can rank only as a threat to his Mr Yeltsin conveyed a picture of pure human misery, the more pathetic for being a figure whose trademarks have always been scorn, determination, authority and a good dollop of "I know I'm right" arrogance. The last two weeks of daily battle with an increasingly confident opposition at the assembly have reduced his swagger to a humreduced his swagger to a hum-ber. The dismissive tone in which he was wont to address his foes has been replaced by one of pleading laced with

To what extent the buffeting he has received will be reflected in the treatment of reform is the question which dominates post-

he little face bursts

page, clearly unmoved. "I don't think Bart's should be closed

down," pleads Rachel, "because loss of children could die."

Rachel is joined by Amy who has been offered to the Evening

Standard: "Amy owes her life to a doctor's sixth sense... where

are people going to go without it?" There is no other hospital

this side of the pearly gates. The

reporter from Today is not to be outdone: "My nephew's wasted body lay close to death... the most pitiful sight I have ever seen... But he was lucky: the

London hospital he was admit-

ted to was St Bartholomew's. Unbelievably, vandals in our

government are now planning

to close this magnificent

Britain's infants, the Mirror is

told, lie tragic and defenceless

before Mrs Bottomley's heart-

less scythe, "Their wide eyes shine bright... one pair with impish delight, the other with shy wonder." Even the royal

family is moved: "Bart's only

crime", cries the Duke of Gloucester, "is to try too hard."

war with the Treasury! A doomed coalmine can only

wield a Grimethorpe band. A

threatened regiment must pen a

whingeing letter to The Times.

A dismembered university

refuses the prime minister a

degree. But a London teaching

hospital gives no quarter to

reason or proportion. The na-

tion must be told: the health

secretary rises each morning.

slurps a cup of coffee, drives into

town and slaughters babies on

the pavements of Smithfield. So

there, prime minister, what do you say to that argument?

both personal and intense.

My enthusiasm for Bart's is

Oh to be a hospital when at

The breaking of Boris

Congress Russia. Once again the country is thrust into a battle between reform and reaction being fought at the heart of

power. Mr Chernomyrdin is the incarnation of what the Yeltsin team has bitherto stood against. He wants to go slow where the reformers seek to move fast. favours the role of the state where they elect the market. stands for the loosening of monetary policy where they see the resulting inflation as the greatest threat to prosperity. Imagine Margaret Thatcher sharing the running of the country with John Prescott and you have some idea of what has come to pass in Moscow.

He claims that he is a reformer -- but so do all Russian politicians except the honest Brezhnevites and pan-Slavists. He is not lying, but he is using the word in a different frame of

difference between the reform project of Mikhail Gorbachev, which aimed to make an existing centralised system work better, and that of Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gaidar, which aimed to break the mould entirely. The unspoken motto of his ilk

The demise of Mr Gaidar, the

man who wanted to leap forward to the Mr Yeltsin. It is a blow to his reputation, since he had pledged several times that he would never back anyone else for the premier's post, to his



leave the daily economic decisions to and concentrate on the politics, and to his own well-being. Mr Yeltsin is a very Russian combination of strength and sentimentality

and his trust in Mr

Gaidar was abso-

President Yeltsin: forced to plead

lute. His spokesman lamented the future more quickly than the monolithic culture around him could follow, is a harsh blow to souls", which even in the strongly personalised world of Russian politics is closer than normal. He identified success in keeping reforms on track with keeping reference to that of the propo-nents of radical change. It is the will being defied by Congress gave the opposition the advan-

tage of a single human target at which to point its fire. of compromises, to Mr Yeltsin's position at the the business of govbeginning of Congress was not easy but he still had the support emment, since he

of the people and his presidency ranked as untouchable. The opposition was fierce but fissiparous and lacked the organisational power of the Yeltsin camp and a strong figurehead. The diehard anti-government vote when the assembly convened was just one-third. By the end it was nearly two-thirds, a development for which he can chiefly be blamed.

His performance was lacklustre and showed that he had failed to appreciate the importance of this trial of strength. When he did snap last week with a denunciation of the chamber, his outpouring was so intemperate and filled with loathing for the company he addressed that he turned sullen resistance to his will into a desire

The result is that he has been forced to accept a prime minister he did not want. In fact, to reinforce the insult. Congress offered him a choice of two prime ministers he did not want the other candidate was Yuri Skokov the hardline chairman of the security council whose loyalties are questionable.

Our first glimpse of the new premier, still dazed after his leap from deciding the fate of oil subsidies one minute to heading the government the next. came when, sombre-faced, square-headed and wearing the inevitable raincoat, he greeted the visiting Chancellor Kohl, There was something strangely familiar about his stolid physiognomy and the habit of delivering promising half-sentences only for their substance to evaporate in the second clause. "I am for deepening reforms, but not at the price of impoverishing the people," was rapidly followed by "I am for the market but not for the bazaar". There was a slighly ghostly aura around an otherwise unremarkable man: the spectre of homo sovieticus at the helm of Russia

Suffer the little children

Young patients are being shamelessly exploited by London hospitals



dearly taking a leaf out of children. The sternest editorial George Bush's campaign book, that any means however tacky justifies the end. But do they?

There may even be a case for its survival against the manifest Seasoned ministers say that reasonableness of the Tomlinthe London hospital consultants son report on London hospitals, are the most unscrupulous and which says it should close. But unreasonable lobby in British its exploitation of its child patients in the pages of the tabloid press suggests it has no confidence in rational argupolitics. They beat the famous duumvirate of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Roman Catholic Church. They beat the lawyers. They even beat the Royal Navy's "save the carrier" mafia. The key to their ment. It makes me shudder. It is the public expenditure equivalent of an African renting a deformed child to beg from tourists. Bart's publicists are power is playing on newspaper susceptibility to pictures of sick

guardian of the public purse crumples at the sight of Little Nell So every Little Nell in town

is recruited to the colours. So far Bart's and its fellow institutions have seen off 19 attempts at reform over the past century. The resulting shambles, for such is the London hospital scene, has become the running sore of the NHS. Ministers chided for the poor state of London's health, the worst yet most costly in the country, are told by officials, Then clean up the London

hospitals!" None has had the guts. The hospitals are not just the Augean stables of health politics but all Hercules' labours rolled into one.

I cannot imagine Mrs Bottomley welcomes the task. But history, circumstance and John Major have imposed it on her, with a push from the King's Fund and Tomlinson reports. To funk reform now might require as much courage as to proceed with it. The figures indicate overlapping and waste on all sides. Teaching hospitals charge twice the national aver-

age per bed. Five thousand beds have been cut with falling demand, but not a consultant has gone. There are 17 radiotherapy centres when there need be only four. Health care costs 45 per cent more in London than elsewhere. Hospitals must be closed, says Tomlinson, and money should be diverted to primary care, to GPs, surgeries,

day centres and local clinics. Tomlinson has been greeted with an eerie silence from most of the "fingered four" teaching hospitals and the eight doomed specialist hospitals. Perhaps

they know the game is up. that they are so inefficient and expensive that the internal market will soon bankrupt them anyway. But Bart's is fighting back and is clearly ready to fight dirty. Mrs Bottomley should watch her step when next crossing Harley Street.

Perhaps Bart's should merely fight clean. What is not clear is how Tomlinson ties in with the internal market. His calculations assume high commercial valuation of hospital sites, particularly Bart's. But there is no way Bart's main buildings, historic and magnificent, could become an office block. Their true market value is negative. Barr's present predicament is due to bad management, to the past indulgence of its consulence yet of the new commercialism of London health. Nor is it fair to "charge" them for sites donated long ago by benefactors, any more than the church should charge parishioners for the potential com-

art's could presumably try its luck as a specialised private or trust hospital, buying patients from the NHS. It could also serve as a long-stay "cottage hospital" for those who want to be in the beart of London and pay for it. I cannot believe that marvellous old building, the last hospital in the City, cannot be viable on what should be a free site. Bart's own rescue plan includes being a centre for the preventive medicine fanatics of the Square Mile.

mercial rent of church premises.

In other words, there must be a dozen internal market options for hospitals short of closure. Other public-sector institutions have discovered that enterprise and good management can rescue even hopeless cases, even coalmines. Some of these options might reject the old-fashioned, big-is-beautiful theme that ran through much of Tomlinson. Great cities need small institutions, not just economies of scale. Bart's need not be big or highly specialised to offer a service to its community. It might have to change its

character, but so what? I sense that Mrs Bottomley may be girding herself to concede a partial saving of Bart's as the price for getting the rest of Tomlinson. Such a grand triumph might be worth a small retreat. But Bart's would fare better if it fought its corner with more dignity. At present its friends must squirm whenever they open a newspaper.

Not humbug after all

AFTER exploratory literary surgery on the Charles Dickens novel A Christmas Carol, one of America's top paediatric doctors has diagnosed that Tiny Tim, the sickly son of Ebenezer Scrooge's assistant, suffered from a kidney complaint which made his blood acidic. Dickens was unspecific about

precisely what ails Tiny Tim, who nearly dies in the classic Christmas yarn, but after examining the original 1843 manuscript and consulting 19th-century medical text books. Dr Donald Lewis. paediatric neurologist at the US Naval Hospital in Virginia, has concluded that Tiny Tim had distal renal tubular acidosis (type 1).

Dr Lewis studied the case of Tiny Tim in order to illustrate for students how to diagnose child illnesses, and his findings are published in this month's issue of The American Journal of Diseases

of Children. The fact that Charles Dickens could not have known about the kidney disease (which was not recognised until the 20th century) does not mean that he would not have seen many such cases, says Dr Lewis, who based his diagnosis on a number of factors. Tim Cratchit

had only one crutch, suggesting that the illness affected one side of his body more than the other, and also suffered from recurrent bouts of weakness and limpness. The paediatrician also took into account the social and environmental conditions of 19th-century London.

In Dickens's day effective therapies for the kidney disease were available, but given Scrooge's parsimony the Cratchits would doubtless have been unable to afford them; that, says Dr Lewis, is why Tiny Tim manifests the disease in such an advanced form, and also explains why he recovers: after Scrooge's change of heart and newfound generosity, the Cratchits were presumably able to afford the best medical treatment in London and Tiny Tim no doubt went on to

live a full and fruitful life. Dr Lewis writes that while other diagnoses are possible, kidney disease most neatly fits with Tiny Tim's symptoms. God bless us every one

Hot Wadders

LORD Waddington has taken to his new office in Bermuda like a duck to the sub-tropical Atlantic



waters surrounding the island. More important, Bermuda has taken to Waddington. In the few months since he donned his ostrich-plumed hat, the new governor has established a formidable reputation as an after-dinner speaker.

Last week in Hamilton, a gathering of 200 off-shore insurance men listened enraptured as "Wadders" waxed lyrical on his favourite subject: his former boss, Baroness Thatcher. "Mrs Thatcher floated into office in 1979 because people really did feel that some sort of order had to be restored. Otherwise Britain would have become completely ungovernable," he told the assembled diners.

The former home secretary revealed that whenever he thought about Lady Thatcher the image which came into his mind was that of Jane's Fighting Ships, the stan-

dard reference work on the world's military vessels. "All the adjectives you apply to her are ones that are applied to ships, like indefatigable, indomitable and illustrious".

Should Lady Thatcher, renowned for her dislike of holidays, decide to visit the island she would be welcomed with open arms, such is the public relations work done by Waddington. Another who is likely to be received warmly is Lord Tebbit. As a result of Waddington's speeches, islanders now know him as an "avenging angel who transformed the employment department into a scourge of the unions in a matter of weeks".

• When Marlin Fitzwater, George Bush's White House media spokesman, clears his desk he will leave behind a souvenir for his successor. Left for him by his predecessor. Larry Speakes, it is a sheet of yellowing notepaper which simply says: "Don't forget: you don't have to explain what you don't say."

Lucubrations

PROFESSOR Norman Gowar, principal of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, part of the University of London, has come down with an acute attack of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard)



It is not easy being a duke. The Duke of Buccleuch, who owns Boughton estate, above, tells next month's The Field magazine that "owning agricultural land is a real mug's game". The Duke, right, should know. He has 270,000 acres but suggests that he would be better off running a chain of garages or motels. "We are now down to 25 breeding dukes. At this rate we shall soon need our own rare breed society." he says.

experience as a university teacher, last month opposed an appeal by the University of Westminster to convert buildings near his Islington home into a hall of residence for 140 students. In his submission he states that "From my own experience, I know that students will sit up until the early hours - perhaps

Gowar, who has almost 30 years all night - with the lights blazing in all the windows."

Gowar, who is opposed to the proposals on 11 counts, insists that he has nothing against insomniac students. "I have enormous respect for students. They are under great intellectual and social pressures, experimenting and learning, living a life with a different rhythm and

style to other members of the community". But not, he hopes, living it

● Things have changed over the years at World in Action, the Grunada series which celebrates its 30th anniversary next month, according to Paul Greengrass, an exemployee of the programme. Writing about the early days in tomorrow's edition of GQ magazine. he says: "World in Action was unashamedly part of the counter-culture. Programmes were put together in a haze." Reporters could get away with a lot more off screen as well as on. Greengniss reminisces about one expenses claim, itemised as "entertaining Laotian generals in opium den".





FOR THE PRINCE

The succession need not be disrupted, even by divorce

"The benefits of a good monarch are almost invaluable, but the evils of a bad monarch are almost irreparable," wrote Walter Bagehot 125 years ago. The evil/that a monarch can do today is less than before; but the good is still not to be lightly dismissed.

In the days since the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales was announced, various journalists and members of Parliament have used the news to justify their view that the Prince should renounce his right to the throne in favour of his son, William. If the Queen were then to die before Prince William reached adulthood, a regent would have to be installed.

Most purveyors of this argument assume that the separation will lead to divorce. They then suggest either that Prince Charles could not be crowned as king, and hence become head of the Church of England, were he to be divorced; or that the royal family is supposed to be a moral exemplar to the nation and that a broken marriage sets an unacceptably bad example.

There is little merit here. Few should need reminding that the Church of England was set up by Henry VIII precisely so that he could divorce his first wife, Katharine of Aragon, and marry his second, Anne Boleyn or that he subsequently executed her, divorced the next-but-one wife and killed the fifth. As for the notion of monarchy as irreproachable moral example, this is both a relatively new idea and one more honoured in the breach than in observance. It originates, like so many other British traditions, in the Victorian era. Queen Victoria's son, Edward VII, was no paragon, and Edward VIII broke all the moral codes of the day by marrying a divorcee.

George V, George VI and the present Oueen have led admirable lives - a model which is doubtless what the Prince of Wales would have wished for his own marriage. But circumstances conspired against success the gap in age, the gulf in attitudes, the Prince's upbringing. Whoever is to blame for the breakdown, the Prince deserves sympathy for his plight, not punishment.

He has all the makings of what Bagehot would have deemed a good monarch. Rumours and innuendo, from however close the source, should not be allowed to obscure this truth. Prince Charles, like his mother, has a strong sense of duty. He is conscientious, thoughtful, responsible and com-passionate. For the past 15 years, he has been allowed to see official papers, invaluable in building up the experience needed to exercise the only powers he would have as King, "the right to be consulted, the right to encourage, the right to warn".

A monarch is not expected to possess any great prescience or ability, which anyway is unlikely, according to Bagehot, to be found in a hereditary sovereign. But long years of reading cabinet and foreign office papers give the head of state priceless accumulated wisdom about affairs of state. The weekly audience at Buckingham Palace with the prime minister can be as useful to the premier as to the monarch.

There is no evidence that Prince William would prove better at this job than his father. His training for the job will have been 40 years shorter. The Prince of Wales has already proved his capacity to be a good monarch. His son is too young to be judged.

"The monarch is a person and a symbol", as Sir Ian Gilmour has put it. "He makes power and state both intelligible and mysterious." It is this form of symbolism, one on which the Prince of Wales's private life has no bearing, that is so powerful for Britain as a constitutional monarchy. Nothing would be served by its disruption.

MOSCOW MANOEUVRES

There is no cause for despair yet in the new Russian regime

The overthrow of Yegor Gaidar, the radical free-marketeer who has dominated the Russian government since last year's breakup of the Soviet Union, is a disturbing and a potentially dangerous development. But it would be naive and alarmist to suggest that Mr Gaidar's replacement as prime minister by Viktor Chernormyrdin, a Soviet-era industrial manager, marks the end of the post-communist reform process, or signals a swing in the pendulum of Russian history back to an era of confrontation.

The revolution that began with Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reflected powerful economic and social forces that sprang from inside the decaying communist system. To say that the Russian revolution has been the product of incluctable economic forces is not necessarily to fall into the old Marxist trap of historical determinism. People make history happen and, in destroying communism, great individual leaders have played the critical roles. Without the imagination of Mikhail Gorbachev, the courage of Boris Yeltsin and the relentlessness of Ronald Reagan, the forces of history might have slumbered in Russia for many more years or even decades. Among these great men, Mr Gaidar was never more than a bit player.

When President Yeltsin decided this week to sacrifice Mr Gaidar he acted like other successful politicians through the centuries. He betrayed a faithful friend and retreated on some of his principles, to further what he felt was the important objective of maintaining political stability ahead of the April referendum on a post-Soviet constitution.

Of course, Mr Yeltsin's compromise with the industrial interests represented by Mr Chenormyrdin may prove to be a miscalculation. But given Mr Yeltsin's past record of taking - and winning - huge political and personal gambles in pursuit of his long-term goals, it ill behoves armchair observers in the west to second-guess his decision to back away from an all-out confrontation with the congress.

Neither should the new government under Mr Chernomyrdin be automatically dismissed as a throw-back to the communist era. The new prime minister has a reputation as a competent industrial manager. The same was true of Nikolai Ryzhkov. the disastrously over-cautious prime minister who was largely responsible for President Gorbachev's reluctance to move ahead with market reforms. What matters, however, is not the new prime minister's competence as a manager, or even his personality and past ideological position; it is the set of policies he and President Yeltsin now choose to pursue.

The new prime minister has promised to continue with pro-market economic reforms, but at a reduced speed. President Yeltsin has insisted that Russia's pro-western and non-interventionist foreign policy will not be affected by the change of regime.

The promise of continuity could mean carrying on with the privatisation which is beginning to win strong support from many industrial managers. It could also mean continuing with military conversion, albeit with a stronger safety net for the unemployed, financed partly with western aid. Alternatively, the new government could mean price controls and centralised state orders, bigger subsidies for military exports and a less cooperative approach in foreign affairs. Until the new government shows evidence of atavistic behaviour, there is no cause for alarm, still less for despair. The west should not let down its guard but Russia deserves the benefit of the doubt.

YOU ONLY WRITE TWICE

Manuscripts are forever, and worth their weight in gold

The scent and sweat and suspense of a saleroom are nauseating at the fag-end of a dark December afternoon. Then the soulerosion produced by high bidding - a compost of greed and fear and nervous tension - become unbearable, and the senses awake and revolt from it.

James Bond suddenly knew that he was tired. With a conscious effort he switched his eyes from the rangy blonde dressed in a deceptively simple little black number that whispered Paris from every line and stitch. Instead he concentrated on the auctioneer, a young man in a Mr Pink shirt, Savile Row suit and Gucci shoes, with a smile on his lips but coldness in his eyes. He was older than he looked. A sinister emphasis came into the barker's voice as he declaimed: "Lot number 296: Ian Fleming's working notebook."

Bond flicked an almost invisible button on his Rolex to start the miniature video recorder fitted there by Q, took out his Mont Blanc fountain pen, and poised to write in his Filofax that he had bound in beautifully tooled green Florentine leather by old Giorgio in his booth on the Ponte Vecchio.

M had looked grave when he broke the news at crack of dawn in his drab office that lay. "Some lunatic is offering for sale at a vast price the notebook that records your early history and records of the Service, Bond. It contains such cryptic information as the fact that gokuhi, the Japanese for 'top secret', means 'you only live twice'. Normally I should advise you to take the profit and augh all the way to Coutts. But I suspect that

From his housemaster at Fettes onwards, Bond had known bibliomanes who had bees in their bonnets about collecting bookish bibelots, which is to literature what philately is to geography. Did he not himself, pseud old brand-collector, own the complete first edition of the novels of Walter Scott from the Cruachan Press? He knew that the University of Kansas and other American universities bought up every scrap of manuscript from living authors, and that distinguished scholarly careers had been built on textual analysis of first versions and later emendations by every author from Homer to Julie Burchill. It had become more profitable for authors to copy out by hand their early books for resale than to write anything new.

there is more to this than meets the eye."

This golden goose was rapidly ceasing to lay, as the word-processor and VDU replaced the manuscript and typescript scarred with amendment crossings out and second thoughts. Bond's coded notebook was knocked down for £14,300 to a nephew and two nieces of Ian Fleming. But when a former British ambassador to Washington paid £418 for a dark blue suit and pair of gold monogrammed slippers belonging to Fleming, which he had himself put up for sale, Bond snapped shut his notebook. This queen bee would not stop buzzing. Something more than natural batty British worship of books as totems rather than words written down was going on. He stood up and pushed his way through the clutter of gilt chairs towards the blonde, and reality.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fears of wider war in Balkans From Mr Robin England

Sir, As your leading article ("Against aggression", December 5) made clear, the threat of a general war in south-east Europe is already very real-Equally, there exists for the first time in the UN an overwhelming majority in favour of the broad principles of liberal democracy and individual liberty under an enlightened law.

How then to proceed? The phased programme outlined in your leader seems and but omits the option of tightening the land blockade. It seems that oil-laden barges are being allowed by UN monitors to enter the section of the Danube that borders Serbia, on the simple say-so of the captains that they will be discharging at more distant ports. What about armed UN monitors on the barges to ensure that the cargoes are not illicitly landed in Serbia?

You seem pessimistic that your message will evoke a positive response from the British government. I believe many of its most loyal supporters will be outraged if the Cabinet continue cravenly to bury their heads in the sand, pretending that appropriate measures are already in place and that anyway a major military inter-vention would be reckless.

An air ban proclaimed openly from the start to be toothless, a modest military contingent armed and man-dated to cope only with the most direct and superficial attacks on the relief convoys, the ludicrous charade of the Vance/Owen mission and the halfhearted land blockade - these pathetic measures form the framework not of a solution but of a colossal

Yours faithfully, ROBIN ENGLAND, 34 Bowerdean Street, SW6.

From Major-General R. S. N. Mans Sir, Your leading article betrays a lack of logical thinking about armed intervention in Bosnia.

You urge Western governments to enforce the peace by all available means and you freely acknowledge that their forces may have to be used in combat, and that casualties will be sustained in pushing Serbs (and Croats) back from Bosnian territory. Yet you assert that this would not be war. I call this semantics.

You further suggest that only a relatively small force could turn the tide, dependent largely on superior air power. But searching out and destroying Serbian targets in the Bosnian mountains and forests would be a very difficult operation.

You criticise the British government's reluctance to become further involved. It may well be that Optionsfor Change has left us with no alternative. To keep the present UNassigned battalion group in Bosnia demands at least a similar group be trained and equipped for its relief.

The media's orchestration of the situation in Bosnia, supported by certain politicians intent on selfaggrandisement, should not be allowed to mask the true consequences of further involvement. This needs to be spelled out far more clearly than it was in your leader.

Yours sincerely ROWLEY MANS, Ivy Bank Cottage, Vinegar Hill, Milford on Sea, Hampshire.

From Mr D. Mihailovic

Sir. Drago Stambuk attempts to whitewash Croatia's involvement in the Bosnian civil war (letter, Decem-

During the seven months of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina the presence and involvement of the regular Croatian republic forces have been both documented and extensive. I understand there are estimated to be 40,000 Croatian army troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina and several thousand HOS (Croat neo-nazi) soldiers, who have made possible the near total annexation of Herzegovina by Croatia and its subsequent renaming as Herceg-Bosna.

Furthermore, there are said to be over 17 Croatian brigades in Bosnia-Herzegovina alone, which have been largely responsible for the total annihilation of 24 Serbian villages in the area between Mostar and Trebinje. The UN should now take concrete steps against this aggression by applying sanctions against Croatia.

D. MIHAILOVIC. Serbian National Organisation, 106 Baker Street, WI. December 11.

Taking stock of plutonium supplies

From Mr Paul Leventhal and Ms Sharon Tanzer

Sir, The government should take note of the announcement by Japan on November 28 that she will stockpile 1.7 tonnes of plutonium in transit from France because of delays in Japan's breeder reactor program. This decision has particular relevance for Thorp, British Nuclear Fuels' thermal oxide reprocessing plant (letters, November 30. December 7), because European Community policy requires plutonium exports be put to immediate and effective use. Japanese contracts make up the largest share of

Thorp's business. The EC policy of avoiding plutonium stockpiles in non-nuclear weapon states is a wise one. It applies to Euratom member states as well as

To avoid a situation in which phitonium reprocessed at Thorp could not be returned to Japan because of a surplus there, the government should ask Japan to provide a full and complete account of its short-term plutonium requirements, with due consideration given to her domestic reprocessing capacity.
The International Atomic Energy

Authority should also be asked to release its data on Japan's plutonium inventory. Our own analysis, done ointly with the Citizens' Nuclear Information Center of Tokyo, is that even before the plutonium ship left France Japan already had a plutonium inventory equivalent to a three-year supply for its plutonium-fueled reactors. Thus, Japan figures to have a very large surplus of photonium, in

clear violation of EC policy.

If Thorp begins without a realistic assessment of Japan's plutonium needs the UK could be left with an intensely radioactive plant, radioactive waste, and a plutonium stock-pile that will have to be safeguarded. essentially, for ever. Start-up of Thorp should be deferred until it becomes clear whether Britain will become Japan's "nuclear dusthin".

Yours sincerely.
PAUL LEVENTHAL SHARON TANZER (Vice-president). Nuclear Control Institute, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 704. Washington DC 20036. USA. December 7.

From Mr John Gordon

Sir. Your recent correspondence cears to show some confusion over whether Britain has been in breach of her obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Pace Lord Melchett (letter, November 30) it is difficult to see how British Nuclear Fuels' thermal oxide repro-

Whitehall view of Hong Kong future

and Commonwealth Affairs

It is clear from the Joint Declaration that there is agreement that the political system in Hong Kong should evolve from the all-appointed LegCo in 1984 to one constituted by elections in 1997. The governor's proposals fit squarely into that process of evolution.

to make proposals. By no reasonable standard could they be considered "drastic". He has proposed extending the franchise of functional constituencies, while retaining their essential occupational characteristic.

cessing plant could itself breach these obligations. The NPT expressly pro-vides for the rights of all parties to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes under International Atomic Energy Authority safeguards: there are no clauses excluding reprocessing.

There are, however, non-prolifera-

tion risks in going ahead with Thorp reprocessing. It seems worth recalling the importance attached by the (Labour) government of the day, when Thorp was authorised in the late 1970s, to the need for an international phytonium storage agree-ment. This has proved impossible to

I am not aware of what Dr David Lowry (letter, December 7) has been saying about possible breaches of UK non-proliferation obligations. What I have been saying is that there is strong reason to suppose from recent revelations that agreement to the sale of Matrix Churchill machine tools to lraq, which it was suspected would be used to help the Iraqi nuclear weapon programme, ignored our obligations as a nuclear weapon state under article 1 of the NPT

... not in any way to assist, encourage or induce any non-nuclear weapon state to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other explosive devices.

This development, with its implications for our credibility as a depository power and leading international champion of the NPT, is potentially at east as serious as breaches of the 1985 statement to Parliament on guidelines for arms exports to Iraq. It should also be covered by the Scott enquiry into those sales.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GORDON (Head, Foreign and Commonwealth Office nuclear energy department, 1986-8), 68 Hornsey Lane, Highgate, No.

From Lord Melchett, Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, John Guinness (letter, December 7) states it is not true that plutonium reprocessed at BNFL's thermal oxide reprocessing plant will increase the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation. Kitty Little (same date) maintains that reactor-grade plutonium cannot be used for nuclear weapons.

As long ago as 1976 the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission stated that

... so far as reactor-grade plutonium is concerned, the fact is that it is possible to use this material for nuclear warneads at all levels of technical sophistication.

Yours sincerely PETER MELCHETT, Executive Director. Greenpeace UK. Canonbury Villas, Islington, N1. December 8.

From the Minister of State, Foreign

Sir, In his letter of December 14 Lord Shawcross claims that the Governor of Hong Kong's proposals for the 1995 Legislative Council (LegCo) elections do not conform with the Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong's future or the Basic Law, which will form the local constitution of Hong Kong after it returns to Chinese sovereignty. The government is certain that the proposals do so

conform. Lord Shawcross states that it had been agreed in the Joint Declaration that there should be no change in the laws of Hong Kong, but adds, rightly, that a steady progress towards a LegCo elected by universal suffrage had also been agreed.

The numbers in each category of elected members to the 1997 LegCo are set out in the Basic Law. The governor's proposals fully conform with these. The Basic Law does not spell out the detailed electoral arrangements.

The governor was therefore obliged

Similarly, on the election committee which will return ten members to LegCo, the governor has made a proposal on its composition - a matter on which the Basic Law is silent. Moreover, it is clear the Chinese themselves did not regard this issue as settled, since earlier this year they discussed quite different possible models for the committee's composition.

The government and the governor have said repeatedly that we wish to work in co-operation with China. On his arrival the governor said: "Good co-operation with China is my sincere aim and my profound wish."

The Chinese were consulted on the content of the governor's October address to LegCo. The Chinese foreign minister was fully briefed by Mr Hurd beforehand, and a personal message from the governor was given to officials in Peking.

It was made clear that that these were proposals, not firm decisions, and that we wanted to discuss them with China. But this was not a subject it would have been politically possible for the governor to discuss in secret with China before revealing any part of his thinking to the people of Hong Kong. Apart from any other consid eration, to have done so would have fuelled the already high level of speculation in Hong Kong and created a climate of uncertainty and instability. The British government, and everyone with Hong Kong's best interests at heart, hope we shall soon be able to resume a calm and constructive dialogue with China

Yours faithfully ALASTAIR GOODLAD, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. King Charles Street, SW1. December 14.

JPs and politics

From Mr K. F. Walters

Yours faithfully

Sir, The suggestion that 71 per cent of magistrates at Southampton vote Conservative (report, December 9) is inaccurate. The figures supplied by the Lord Chancellor's Department reflect magistrates' political allegiance early in 1992. I can confirm that, at present, less than 50 per cent of the magistrates at Southampton are Conservative "supporters", the remainder of the bench either supporting other political parties or having no political persuasion at all

It is important to remember that political views are neither a qualification nor a disqualification for appointment to the magistracy. When making recommendations to the Lord Chancellor, advisory committees

have regard to political affiliations only in order that benches do notbecome unduly overweighted in favour of any one political party.

Yours faithfully. K. F. WALTERS (Secretary to advisory committee). Southampton Magistrates' Court. 51-59 Commercial Road, Southampton, Hampshire. December 9.

From Mrs Sara Mason

Sir, I cannot understand why Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, is disturbed by figures which show that the majority of magistrates are Conservative supporters. The implication seems to be that political persuasion affects decision-making, and therefore justice is not being done the magistrates' benches. Does Mr Byers think that this Tory bias leads to more or fewer convictions, tougher or more lenient sentences?

I am not a Conservative supporter. I sat as a magistrate in London for five years in the mid-1980s. I never found that party politics entered into de-cision-making. A good magistrate is a good magistrate, whatever his or her political beliefs.

Yours faithfully, SARA MASON, Lane Cottage, Amberley, Nr Stroud, Gloucestershire.

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Pools firm seeks lottery assurances

From Sir Desmond Pitcher, Group Chief Executive of the Littlewoods Organisation

Sir, Your account (leading article, December 11) of the meeting which representatives of the pools companies had with Peter Brooke on December 9 was wide of the mark. Far from giving us "little comfort". the heritage secretary listened attentively and sympathetically to every point we made.

We are not seeking "concessions", but assurances that, when the National Lottery Bill is enacted, the competition which the pools then face

will be on fair and level terms. The pretence that the lottery is somehow a totally different product from the pools has effectively been abandoned. We have demonstrated that each is a harmless soft-gambling operation which appeals to anyone who is interested in a long-odds flutter with the hope of winning a big prize.

As almost half of pools turnover now goes to good causes - in the form of payments to the Football Trust and to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and in pool betting duty — we are to an even greater extent fulfilling the role which the Royal Commission on Gambling described in 1978 -"the pools in a sense are a national lottery run on behalf of the Ex-

We are of course concerned that the government may be put under pressure to rig the competitive framework in the lottery's favour. Research conducted by Coopers & Lybrand (report. December 9) points to a 40 per cent loss in Littlewoods' turnover and the disappearance from the market of Vernons and Zetters unless pools are allowed to compete fairly

with the lottery. Press reports indicate that the government's own consultants have submitted a report which comes to

broadly similar conclusions. On the assumption that the National Lottery Bill provides for the sale of tickets through shops, for jackpots to be "rolled over" from one week to another, and for the lottery to be promoted as a "lucky numbers" game, these same opportunities should be extended to the pools.

In addition, the Treasury must ensure that the tax treatment of the pools and the national lottery is fair and comparable - the percentage taken out in tax and in payments to good causes should be the same for pools as for the lottery. And lastly, if the lottery is to be advertised on television, the prohibition on the pools

from doing so should be lifted. These are the points we put to Peter Brooke. We think it inconceivable that a government committed to fair competition, and genuinely appreciative of the contribution which pools have made to national well-being in our country over so many years, would permit a Bill to go through Par-liament in a form which loaded the dice against us and our beneficiaries.

Yours faithfully, DESMOND PITCHER. Group Chief Executive, The Littlewoods Organisation, 100 Old Hall Street, Liverpool. December 11.

Baton charge

From Ms Christine Halek

Sir. Women are making even more of an impact on the rostrum than your correspondent reports (letter, December 8). On the night mentioned by Miss Marriott, December 3, the conductor at St John's Smith Square was also a woman. Three women conductors at three major London venues in one night — can this have ever happened before?

Yours faithfully. CHRISTINE HALEK. St George's Hospital Medical School, Jenner Wing. Cranmer Terrace, SW17. December 8.

Olympic city

From Mrs Angela Prior

Sir, Soon it may not be necessary for The Times to publish a map showing the whereabouts of Manchester (letters, December 8 and 10). Britain's successful Olympic bid for 2000 will well and truly put Manchester on the

Yours faithfully. ANGELA PRIOR, Rooftree. 40 Arthog Road, Hale, Cheshire. December 10.

Europe des patries

From Mr P. M. M. Windsor-Aubrev

Sir, Some decades ago the European Heaven was defined as a place where the police were British, the cooks were French, the engineers were Swiss, and the lovers were Italian; it was organised by the Germans. In the European Hell, organised by the Italians, the police were German, the cooks were British, the engineers were French and the lovers were Swiss.

Could we please update this concept to embrace the current and soon-tobe expanded Community?

Yours faithfully, PHILIP WINDSOR-AUBREY. Mill House, Abbots Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 15: The Prince of Wales. Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air

Corps, today visited Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire.
Lieutenant Commander Robert

Fraser, RN, was in attendance. His Royal Highness, President

Business in the Community, this evening attended the Annual

Meeting and Reception of the Per Cent Club at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning at-

tended a Conference "the Vol-uniary Sector: the 1990s and

Beyond" at Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2.

December 15: The Duchess of

Kent, Patron, the Spestics Society, and Patron, Unicel UK, this

evening attended the Joy to the World Celebration of Christmas

Concert in aid of the Leukaemi Research Fund, the Royal

Marsden Cancer Appeal, the Spas-tics Society and Unicef at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 15: Princess Alexandra

Patron, this afternoon visited St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59

Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham,

Her Royal Highness, Parron, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a performance of The

Messiah, arranged by CRISIS in aid of homeless people, at Central Hall, Westminster, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

The Rev Preb Anthony Sadler, Priest-in-charge, Unincent: to be also Priest-in-charge, Leigh (Lichfield). The Rev Nell Sait, Assistant Curare, All Saints, Stretford: to be Priest-in-charge, St. John the Baptin, Smallbridge and St James the Apostia.

wardle (Manchester).
The RI Rev Peter Selby, William Leech Professorial Fellow in Applied Christian Theology in the University of Durham: to be also an Honoraly Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Durham.

Anglo-Austrian Society
The Austrian Ambassador and

Mme Magruisch were hosts last night at a reception held at the

Austrian Embassy to mark the

50th anniversary of the Anglo-Austrian Music Society.

Church news

Clergy appointments

Reception

The Lady Mary Mumford was

London SE26.

in alternatures

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

Mr Hugh Merrill was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 15: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.

Mr Marcus Bishop was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian

Mr Michael Tims was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Assistant to the Master of the Household "G" Branch, when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Vic-

torian Order. His Excellency Senor Don Felipe de la Morena and Señora de la Morena were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiar from Spain to the Court of St

The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, British Athletic Federation. this morning presented Awards and World Record Plaques at Buckineham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, later attended Receptions for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St

James's Palace.
Wing Commander Christopher
Moran, RAF, was in amendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, gave a Lunch and took the chair at a Meeting of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, and The Prince Edward, Trustee and Chairman, the International Council, attended a Reception and Dinner for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship at St James's

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance. The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morri-son as Lady in Waiting to The

BUCKINOHAM PALACE December 15: The Duke of York left Royal Air Force Northolt this morning for Germany to visit the families of those soldiers serving in

Captain Neil Blair, RN, and Captain Rupert Maltland-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this attemport attended the costs meeting of the Victim Support Advisory Board, Church House, West-minster, London SW1.

ning visited Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1.
Mrs Timothy HoldernessRoddam was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the royal film performance of Chaplin at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 3.00 in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London Symphony Chorus, will attend a concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.05.

The Princess Royal as Past Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend a court meeting at Innholders' Hall at 10.00. Princess Margaret will amend a carol concert in the Guards Chapel at 6.45 in aid of the Cancer Relief

The Duke of Kent, as President of

the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will attend the 75th anniversary meeting of the com-mission at 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, at 10.50. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy will attend the Christmas show of the inter-national show jumping champion-ships at Olympia at 6.55.

Dinners

World Fellowshin

The Duke of Edinburgh and ThePrince Edward attended a dinner at St James's Palace last night, given by Dr Stanley Ho for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, World Fellowship. The Duke of Edinburgh, Dr Ho, and Mr Eric Koops were the speakers.

Turners' Company The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the Master and Warders of the Turners' Company last night at Apothecaries' Hall. The Master, Mr E.W. Sawney, presided and presented the Lord presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a silver-embellished mazer turned in maple. The Lord Mayor, the Upper Warden and Mr M.C. Martin also spoke. The Master presented the Tuners' Shield to 9 Field Workshops REME (Volunteers) who won the field competition.

Parliamentary and Scientific

Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, was host last night at a dinner held at the House of Commons after Professor D.H. Tidmarsh, Director of the School of Engineering, Sheffield Hallam University, and Mr E. Hooper addressed members of the com-

School news

September 1, 1993.

Eton College closes today.

The Hall, Hampstead

King Edward's School, Bath

The Board of Governors of King

Edward's School, Bath, have ap-pointed Mr Peter Winter,

Housemaster of the International Centre, Sevennaks School, as Headmaster with effect from

In the final of the House

Association Mr D.S. Lowther's defeated Mr M.A. Town's by two

School opens for the Lent Half on Wednesday, January 13.

The Governors of The Hall

announce the appointment of Mr

John's, Northwood to succeed Mr R.W.W. Dawe as Headmaster of The Hall with effect from Septem-

School. Hampstead are pleased to

institute of Chartered Secretaries

Mr Neil Hamilton, Minister for Corporate Affairs, and Mr Peter Rawlins were present at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered held last night at Guildhall. Mr Brian Thompson, president of the titute, was in the chair.

Institute of Biology The following have been elected to

Fellowship and are permitted to use the designatory letters CBiol Gray's Inn

Dame Josephine Barnes has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Professor I Ragoonee, Dr J Hay, Mr B Knights, Professor A J Knthubutheen, Professor A J Knthubutheen, Professor T Looker, Dr P A Mayes, Dr B C Ricaud, CBE, Dr D Roberts, Dr M D C Scales, Dr K Snow, Professor G C Whittow.



Cursed by the past: Francis Grew, of the Tower Hill Pageant, shows off a Roman lead tablet found recently on the Thames foreshore. It calls down the curse of Neptune on a list of people deemed to have offended or wronged the petitioner. The tablet, which went on show in the pageant's museum by the Tower of London yesterday, shows that Latin was the language of many Roman Londoners, though their spelling and grammar could be unorthodox

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of King Henry VIII, Alcala de Henares, Spain, 1485: John Selden, lawyer and historian, Worthing, 1584; George White-field, evangelist, Gloucester, 1714; Gebhard von Bücher, field marshal, Rostock, Germany, 1742; Jane Aussen, novelist, Stevenson Rectory, Hampshire, 1775; Mary Russell Mitford, essayist and dramatist, Alresford, Hampshire, 1775; Wassily Kandinsky, abstract nainter. Moscow, 1866; Prederick John Selden, lawyer and historian, painter, Moscow, 1866; Frederick Pollard, historian, Ryde, 1869; Anton Denlich, commander of the

anti-Bolshevik forces in the Russian civil war 1918-20, near Warsaw, 1872; Zohan Kodály, composer, Kecskemet, Hungary, 1882; Sir John (Jack) Hobbs. cricketer, Cambridge, 1882; King Alexander I of Yugoslavia, reigned

Downing, Flinshire, 1798; David Hamilton, architect, Glasgow, 1843; Richard Bright, physician, London, 1858; Wilhelm Grimm.

Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, com-poser, Algiers, 1921; Glenn Miller, dance band leader, re-ported missing in flight to France, 1944; William Somerset Maugham, novelist and play-wright, Nice, 1954. The Boston Tea Party, 1773. Barnes Wallis saw his R100 airship make its 1st test flight, 1929. The Buttle of the Bulge began in the Ardennes, 1944.

Appointment

DEATHS

1929-34, Cetinje, 1888; Sir Noel
Coward, playwright and composer, London, 1899;
DEATHS: Sir William Petty, political economist, London, 1687;
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael
Knight to be Chairman of the Air
League, in succession to Mr Michael
el Cobham, who retires when he
becomes a life vior-president.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr DJ. But

Mr D.J. Buston
and Miss B.A.C. Henson
The engagement is announced
between David, son of the late Mr
and Mrs T.F. Buxton, and
Bridget, daughter of the late.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R.L.

Mr A.I. Christie d Miss LR. Lycest Green

The engagement is announced hetween Augustus Jack, second son of Sir George and Lady Christie, of Glyndebourne, Susser, and Impose Bourne and Imogen Rose, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Lyout Green, of Mariborough,

and Miss P.J. French The engagement is announced between Michael Andrew, son of Mrs Antonia Curbill, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and the late Mr Tony Curbill, and Persephone lane, daughter of Sir Christopher and Lady French, of the Inner Temple and Oxfordshire.

Mr D.X. Gelder and Miss H.M.C. Worthington The engagement is announced between Keith, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Geddes, of Liphook, Hampshire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.N. Worthington, of Combe St Nicholas, Somerset.

The engagement is announced he engagement is attroubled between James, younger son of Sir Herbert and Lady Duthie, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Juliette, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.H. Parton, of Newport, Shropshire.

Mr M.W.V. Mathewson and Miss A.V. Leveson-Go

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Niel Mathewson. of Cullaloe, Fife, and Alice, only daughter of the late Mr Charles Loveson-Gower and of Mrs Ronald Thorburn, of Straloch, Pethshire.

Mr R.T.B. Maxwell and Miss R.M. MacSwincy

the engagement is announced between Ronald, youngest son of the late Major R St G-R. Maxwell and of Mrs D-A. Rowan Hamilton and stepson of Lieutenant Colonel D-A. Rowan Hamilton, of Killyleagh Casile, Co Down, and Mismodel Miranda, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs H.F. MacSwiney, of Oscrott, Cheshins

Mr M.J.C. Smallwood

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Smallwood, of Stanford, Kent, and Kathrin, elder daughter

of Mrs Jasmine Bell, of Alvescot,

Appointments in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY
CAPTAIN: A J C MONTOW - NATO 5.3.93;
T ROBOTHAM - SRAPE 12.4.93.
SUBSECON CAPTAIN: J O SOUI - MODD
LONGOR 29.1.93.
COMMANDER: P J Christmer - ENTL
LONGOR 14.5.93; N J COWIEY - RNAS
POTEMA 26.2.93; P C SENGERON MOD Beth 19.2.93.

SURGEON COMMANDUM: M D Hocking - RM Devenport 8.1.93. REAR ADMIRAL: J G R MUSSON

SURGEON REAR ADMIRAL: F St C Golden - 26.693; D A Lammiman -17.4.93.

CATAIN: IF Bond-14-93; CH Bockie
-14-93; J S Chesnum: -14-93; S H G
Johnston - 22-3-93; M S Shallow 10.193.

LOMMANDER: G R Buier - 14-93; J A
Berticts - 14-93 J Bennet: -24-93; F J
Berticts - 14-93 J Bennet: -24-93; F J
Broadway - 14-93; J G Brown - 14-93;
M K Buchannet - 14-93; J B Bunnetheld13-93; R F D Colby - 14-93; R H
COWARD-14-93; R P Ewin: -14-93; G H
Fablan - 14-93; R Y Ewin: -14-93; G H
Fablan - 14-93; M W A Piciding 14-93; J E Fishwick - 14-93; J H
Loudon - 63-93; T B Bidfingt - 13-93; A
Rose - 13-93; R A Wilson 29-12-92.

SURGEOW COMMANDER: D E Duy 22-2-29.

CHAPLADE N & JOHNSON - 10.1.95.

The Army

BRIGADIER: R H T EIRBY - To be Dir

DCT, 14.12.92; G De V W HAYES - To

be Comd 2 In! Bde & Dover'

Shoundiffe Gaz, 17.12.92; A R E

HUTCHINSON - To be Comd Engr HQ

AREC, 19.12.92; D L JUDD - To be

Comd Es HQ BAOR, 18.12.92.

COLONEL: G J HAIG - TO MOD, 18.12.92; I W FULTON - To be PM HQ BAOR. 18.12.92; R B WATSON - TO ASMT. 18.12.92; G F WHEBLER - TO MOD, 18.12.92. MOD, 18.12.92.
LIEUJENANT COLONEL: M J
DAVISON RAOC - TO RMCS, 14.12.92;
J R D EAY RH - TO MOD, 16.12.92;
B HOOK RAOC - TO BEE Coll. (4.12.92;
D J W BAYLIS R ANGLIAN - TO MOD

COLONEL: R H GRAHAM IMM QUEENS, 21-12-92, Royal Air Force

Air Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson to be promoted to the rank of Air Chief Marshal and to succeed Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin as Air Member for Personnel on April 16, 1993. This post carries with it membership of the Air Force Board of the Defence

ATR COMMODORS: J R Greig - to PA Bosp Wroughton 14.12.92. (ROUP CAPTAIN: B 5 Morris - to MOD 14.12.92: G 7 Oughton - to CSDE Sweaton Morkey 14.12.92; B J Poulton - to RAF Brize Norton 7.12.92; P M Hall - to MOD 14.12.92.

- to MOD 14.12.92.
WING COMMANDER: P P V Gaskin - to
MOD London 14.12.92; D E Bentiey to MOD AFD 7.12.92; P E Rowlands to RAF Unbridge 7.12.92; D St
Salikbury - to HO RAFSC 14.12.92; C
Cordery - to RAF Contingity 14.12.92; C
D F Wilson - to RAF PMC 14.12.92; C
Somman - to RAF Leachers 14.12.92; J
M Kingson - to RAF Chivenor
14.12.92; I D Lindsay - to MOD CVE
14.12.91.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, for-mer professor of Sanskrit, 93; Mr N.C. Blamey, artist, 78; Sir Mich-ael Carlisle, chairman, Trent Re-gional Health Authority, 63; Mr Arthur C. Clarke, Science witter, Professor Bernard Crick, author, 63; the Hon Peter Dickinson, author, 65; Mr Joel Gamer, cricketer, 40; Mr R.N. Gunn.

LEGAL NOTICES

former chairman, the Boots Company, 67; Miss Heather Hallett, QC, 43; Sir Jasper Hollom, former deputy governor, Bank of Eng-land, 75; Lord Margadale, 86; Lord Mottistone, 72; Sir Victor Pritchett, author, 92; Lieutenant General Sir David Scott-Barrett. High Court judge, 85; Mrs Jac queline Thwaites, principal, Inchbald School of Design, 61;

Miss Liv Ullmann, actress, 54.

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Ath, at Queen Charlothe's Hospital to Caroline (nee Nelson) and Julian, a daughter, Alexia, Arabella Mary, a sister for Harry.

WATSON - On December 10th, to Matri (née MacDonald) and Peter, a daughter, Emma Phoebe,

Sith, to Caroline (née Brotine) and Richard, 2 has,

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ANNIVERSARIES GRNLER:LINTON - On December 16th. 1932 in Marylebone Town Hall, Honor to Sidney. DEATHS BALKANYI - Charlotte, on December 13th at St John and Elizabeth Hospital, London, peacefully after an illness. She will be greatly missed by her family and many thems. Cremation at 11,30 on Friday December 18th at Golders Green Crematorium, London. BENESFORD - On December 14th 1992, suddenly but peacefully. Parkids Berestord Inde Foot, aged 76. Dearly loved wife of Marcun and mother of Charles and Peter. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Parish Church, Rughy, on Friday Localist 18th at 12 noon, Family Bowers. Donations, 18th at 12 noon, Family Bowers. 10 St Andrew's Andrew Andrew Andrew's Andrew Andr BLACK - On 15th December 1992, peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Provilis Black, aged 93 years of Worthing, formerly of Bexhill and Wimbledon, Beloved wife of the lafe Andrew, dear mother of Margaret. Alleon (Molly), and the lafe Andrew, and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Columba's Church Worthing, on Tuesday 22nd December at 11.30 am, followed by cremation, Donations for Save the Children Fund may be sent to H.D. Tribe Lts. 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, Tel. (1903) 234516. BUSSY - Suddenly on December 13th 1992, at his home in Wirksworth, Derbyshire, Canon Geoffrey Busby, aged 22 years, Puneral Tuesday December 22ed, service 2 ym in Wirksworth Parish Church followed by Cremation, Family Gowers only please, Donalions in lieu may be sent to St Marry's Parish Church, Wirksworth, Derbyshire. BYRNE - On December 12th
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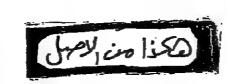
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Sir Robert Shone, CBE, director-general of the National Economic Development Council from 1962 to 1966, died on December 13 aged 86. He was born on May 27, 1906.

THE National Economic development Council (NEDC or "Neddy" as it was derisorily to become) was born in the optimistic climate of what appeared to be fair prospects for Britain at the outset of the 1960s and Robert Shone was its first head. It was the age of Harold Macmillan and "You've never had it so good". Personal prosperity was achieving levels undreamed of ten years earlier and the graphs for growth in industry also bore a healthy look.

Nevertheless during 1961 there was growing recognition that the rate of economic growth, though good by past British standards, was actually poor by comparison with the postwar achievements of other industrial countries. There was also increasing interest in the French type of economic planning which, it was thought, might be one secret

of their faster rate of growth.
It was these considerations which led to the setting up of the National Economic Development Council. Its remit was the task of seeking ways to remove obstacles to faster economic growth in the context of plans for the future in the private and public sectors. To this end it was composed of

representatives of the government, management and nnions whose aim was to identify and tackle factors which were causing problems

and to promote change. Alas, as the underlying weakness of the British economy turned the roseate outlook of 1962 into the nightmares of 1967 and beyond, the impotence of "Neddy" (less politely "Noddy") as it had by then become universally known, to do much else but discuss the deepening crisis, were painfully revealed (its wings had, by then, already been trimmed by a Labour government). But that does not invalidate the attempt its foundation represented, nor today, after a decade of discredited laisser faire economic policies in Britain, does its 1960s gospel of a planned economy of the sort operated by Britain's most successful continental competitors, seem ridiculous.
In 1962 Robert Shone was

an obvious choice to head the staff of NEDC - the National Economic Development Office (NEDO) — as director-general. An economist by training, he had for many years been concerned with forward planning in the steel industry, and had recently played an important role in the preparation of a study by PEP (Political and Economic Planning) of the obstacles to growth in the UK. He also proved to have diplomatic qualities which helped the constituent parts of the council gradually to shed their mutual



SIR ROBERT SHONE

suspicions and misunderstandings and develop into a body which became an accepted part of national life.

Robert Minshull Shone came from a steel and engineering background. After attending Sedburgh School he took an engineering degree at Liverpool University and then

went to the United States as a Commonwealth fellow from 1932 to 1934, taking an MA in economics at Chicago University.

After that he had a couple of

years lecturing at the London School of Economics before joining the British Iron and Steel Federation where he

served until the outbreak of war. From 1940 to 1945 he was involved with the control of the iron and steel industry and afterwards returned to the Federation as its director. From 1953 to 1962 he was an executive member of the Iron and Steel Board and was then invited to head the newly-founded NEDC.

During 1962 and early 1963 he built up a first-class staff with Sir Donald MacDougall, as economic di-rector, and Mr Tom Fraser as industrial director. Together they drafted, and steered through NEDC two docu-ments entitled Growth of the UK Economy to 1966 (the "Green book") and Condi-tions favourable to Faster Growth (the "Orange book"). The 4 per cent growth target contained in the former proved unobtainable, but many of the ideas in the latter for improving the country's economic performance were

subsequently implemented.

During 1963 and the first part of 1964 a good deal of the council's time was taken up in debate on the need for, and the problems involved in, a prices and incomes policy, and in this shone played an important role. While no agreement proved possible under the Conservative government, there is no doubt that the discussions in NEDC were an indispensable preliminary to the rapid implementation of a prices and incomes policy under the Labour administra tion of 1964.

Following the Labour vic-tory in October that year NEDO lost a good deal of its functions, and economic personnel, to the newly-estab-lished Department of Economic Affairs. But at the

same time the new government encouraged the development of the Economic Development Committees ("Little Neddies") and Shone. with Tom Fraser, did a great deal to build them up. Changes in political personal-ities did not ease his task at NEDC but he loyally stuck to his post until a successor was ready to take over in 1966. After leaving NEDC Shone

spent a year as a research fellow at Nuffield College. Oxford, and was also a visiting professor at City University, 1967-83, and a special professor. sor at Nottingham, 1971-73. Apart from these academic posts he held directorships with the M&G Group, 1966-84, with the Rank Organisation, 1968-78, and with A. P. V. Holdings, 1969-75. He was an honorary fellow of LSE and, from 1963 to 1968, president of the Society of

Business Economists. He was the author of a number of books including The Industrial Future of Great Britain (1948) and Britain and the Common Market (1967) as well as a Financial Management Handbook (1978).

Within three weeks Shone's death, Neddy dies with him; it is to be abolished at the end of this year.

APPRECIATIONS

Lord Dowding

DEREK Downing (obituary. December 11) was a brave and tenacious fighter pilot whose first success while flying with 74 Squadron based at Hornchurch was a Dornier shot down over France on May 24, 1940. Three days later he chased a Dornier for twenty minutes across the Channel before heavy ack-ack fire forced him to turn back. He claimed more kills over the next frantic weeks. He was a contemporary at Winchester of my father, but

although reserved, was often more candid about the stress of battle with my generation. Your obituarist claimed Derek hated flying; actually he quite enjoyed it, when Germans weren't shooting at him. He talked once of the nasty shock of finding German aircraft and pilots superb — not at all what he'd been told in training. His initial blooding over Calais was terrifying. He hid in a cloud until the redoubtable "Sailor" Malan told him to come out. He felt he owed his life to Malan, who some-how managed to watch his own tail and those of his younger pilots. Derek became a skilful flyer who, like others, masked his fears with boozy bravado.

74 Squadron were in the forefront of the Battle of Britain. That his father was directing the Battle did not ease the strain of those months — he was aware that his father was anxiously scrutinising the casualty lists for his name. Derek flew continuously throughout the war, serving with distinction in the Middle East. He remained charming.

After the war he reached the rank of wing commander. He began to drink while in Wash-ington in the Fifties with the British Joint Service Mission. War wounds are not always physical. But with help and his own determination he recov-ered, although left with severe diabetes. It was the love and support of his third wife Odette that maintained the

He revered his father, but it was not easy living in the shadow of a man who had saved his country. Despite his difficulties and precarious health Derek was extraordinarily active, very much part of the cultural life of the Barbi-can where he lived. He was wonderful company except when driving a car. My family and 1 will miss his quiet. cheeky buffoonery.

The Few get fewer. Derek Dowding fought bravely and paid a price. I and my generation are indebted for that sacrifice, and for the freedoms he and that small force won.

Nicky Bird

HILARY TINDALL

Hilary Tindall, actress and singer, died in Selborne. Hampshire, on December 5 aged 54. She was born in Manchester on August 14, 1938.

HILARY Tindall's dark good looks and seductive glamour made her the ideal "other woman". She was to prove this handsomely to the often scandalised delight of millions of viewers in the still shockable 1970s when she starred in 50 episodes of the popular BBC boardroom drama The Brothers. She played the bored and bitchy director's wife Ann Hammond, who spent much of the storyline — built round a familyowned road-haulage company -floating amorously in and out of bed. mostly with other husbands.

The role made her a much celebrated television star of the period. Women either hated or secretly admired her free-wheeling predatory ways; while men put her at the top of their list of fancied small screen sirens. She became accustomed to housewives approaching her in the

supermarket and criticising her per-sistent unfaithfulness in the pro-gramme and urging her to think of her hapless husband. However, she played Ann Hammond not simply as a scheming femme fatale but as a kind of forerunner of today's champions of feminism. She asserted herself fearlessly and clashed openly and entertainingly in scenes with her dominating mother-in-law played by Jean Anderson.

Ann Hammond played no part in the running of the company but her influence and independent attitude was always evident in the way Hilary Tindall portrayed her. The Brothers became so popular in Sweden that she was invited to star on that country's network in a drama series played a British journalist who falls for a Swede.

Success in a long running series. particularly in the earlier decades of television, could be double-edged. After The Brothers, which ran from 1972 to 1974 and is currently being repeated on UK Gold, she was anxious to avoid the femme fatale



typecasting. She launched herself into what was probably her first love, the stage, including musicals for which she had an excellent mezzosoprano voice. She started in touring productions of the musicals Company, A Little Night Music and South Pacific. She also starred in Parents Day at the Globe Theatre in London's West End. Hilary Tindall, daughter of a

police inspector, moved from Manchester to London where she attended RADA to learn her craft and also replace her Northern accent with something less identifiable. Her West End debut, following some early rep experience, was at the Fortune Theatre where she played the juvenile lead in William Douglas Home's comedy Aunt Edwina. Next, in 1960, came a major role in A Trip to the Castle, co-starring with the then unknown Terence Starring at the Arts Theatre.

There followed an early break into television when she played in Dear Michael Redgrave. On stage she won a number of major roles at The Old Vic. and starred in the West End production of the new American musical Little Mary Sunshine, at the Comedy Theatre.

Then came her greatest television impact with The Brothers, fame and her success in Sweden in the 1970s,

after which she returned to the stage in her campaign to avoid typecasting. She toured in Agatha Christie's Verdict, Francis Durbridge's thrillers The Gentle Hook and Nightcap, and also in Daphne du Maurier's My Cousin Rachel. Hilary Tindall joined

a Derek Nimmo production of A Man Most Likely To co-starring with Leslie Phillips, playing the Far East on a ten-week tour. More television followed including Tales of the Unexpected, A Kind of Loving and The Max Headroom Show. In spite of her increasing illness — from cancer — she showed enormous courage and determination in continuing to work. Her last West End appearance was four years ago when she co-started with Dinsdale Landen Fortune Theatre. A year later she was in The Heiress at the Chichester

Festival Thearre. Her final TV appearance was as recent as last year in a Maigret

She leaves her husband, the literary agent Robin Lowe, and a son and

The Most Rev Frank Woods

modest and funny.

YOUR obituary of the Most Rev Frank Woods (November 30) well illuminates his priestly life. Rover Scouts at Cambridge in the early 1930s will not forget him, bereft of clerical garb and airing his knees in our blue cordurey shorts. In my last 18 months as a member of the CU Rover

group, he took over from Rupert Annand, and led us as "Skipper" — supported as ever by the never-aging Patrick Duff, also of Trinity. memorable annual dinners,

and the highlight of the year, the summer camp at Southill Park, Biggleswade, to which his friendship with the Trinity College Whitbreads gave us CITATION.

He was not a George Robey or a Raiph Reader of the camp

fire entertainments, but his enthusiasm and zest for the great scout movement was infectious and lasting upon those who served with him.

G. Gneditch

YOUR obituary of Frank Woods mentions his work as commandant of the Army Chaplains Centre at Tidworth during the second world war. I was a member of the very first intake there, almost exactly 50 years ago, in January 1943 and still remember his final address to us, in which we were urei rather than piers". In his own case there was little doubt which sort of chapiain he was: one whose out-reach to others, and pastoral care for them, ranked high among his many

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The bearification of the 136 English martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries took place this morning in St Peter's with the customary ceremonial. The occasion had drawn to Rome a large number of pilgrims, including a ished deputation of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

The final stage in the long-drawn-out preparations was reached with the reading of the so-called "Tuto" decree yesterday morning in the Hall of the Consistory. Among the British prelates present were Cardinal Bourne, the Archbishop of Cardiff, the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Archbishop of Liverpool, and the Bishops of Lancas and Northampton. After the reading of the decree, which included also the Scottish Jesuit Father Ogilvie, whose beatification is to take place separately next Sunday, a short address was read to the Pope in Latin by Cardinal Bourne. The Pope in reply said that the example of the martyrs was a valuable lesson, as occasionally there was a feeling of

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were beatified in St Peter's in Rome on this

weariness in the pursuit of daily duty, so heavy

Descendants of the 136 English martyrs who

with difficulties and even persecution. In the afternoon a reception was held in the British Legation to the Holy See, when Mr and Mrs Chilton brought under their roof not only Cardinal Gasparri, Cardinal Cereti and Cardinal Merry del Val, but Sir Ronald and Lady Sybil Graham and other members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Quirinal, together with other guests distinguished in

"White" society. The very special consideration shown on this occasion to the British visitors was marked at this morning's ceremony by the erection of a special tribune reserved for descendants of the martyrs. Among those conducted to this tribune were the Duke of Norfolk and his mother the Duchess, Lady FitzAlan, Captain Fitzalan-Howard, and Lady Anne Kerr. Special places had also been set apart for the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops, the Chapter of St Peter's, and the generals of the religious Orders. After the brief of beatification had been read by Mgr Barnabai, Secretary of the Vatican Chapter, the painting representing the "Glory" of the newly blessed was unveiled, several hundred electric lamps being turned on to light up the painting. Simultaneously the banner hoisted on the outer loggia was unfolded. The bells of St Peter's rang out and the large crowd fell on its knees. The "Te Deum" was intoned by the Mgr Cherubini and Solemn Mass was

Another special mark of the papal favour was the subsequent reception by the Holy Father of the deputation from the Catholic Union. Owing to the illness of the President Lord FitzAlan, the deputation was led by the Earl of Denbigh. In addition to those already mentioned, the decentation included the Fard mentioned, the deputation included the Earl of Iddesleigh, Lord Howard of Glossop. Lieutenant-General Sir George Macdonogh and Major-General Sir Cecil Pereira.

NEWS

Nato draws up Bosnia action plan

■ Nato yesterday agreed to draw up contingency plans for action to stop the spread of fighting in former Yugoslavia, on the eve of a crucial international conference in Geneva that will look at the military options for stemming Serbian

As pressure grew for intervention and the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia, the Western members of the UN Security Council worked on a resolution allowing Serb aircraft violating the no-fly zone to be shot down.. Pages 1, 9

Yeltsin gives reform assurance

President Yeltsin of Russia sought to reassure supporters at home and abroad they need not fear for continuation of his reforms, even though he has had to accept the conservative Viktor Chernomyrdin as prime minister...... Pages 1, 10

Policeman killed

Israeli soldiers yesterday recovered the bound body of a policeman in the occupied West Bank two days after he was kidnapped near Tel Aviv by Muslim fundamentalist gunmen seeking the release of a jailed leader. Page 1

Bishop questioned

The Bishop of Gloucester was resting yesterday on the orders of the Archbishop of Canterbury after being arrested and questioned by police in connection with an allegation of indecency with a trainee monk. The diocese of Gloucester confirmed that the Right Rev Peter Ball, 60, was questioned and released. Page 1

Tomlinson agenda

The Tomlinson enquiry into London's hospitals planned to add to its report an extra section that would have challenged the long-term need for the NHS market and the huge bureaucracy needed to run it, The Times has learnt... ___ Page 5

Somali gun rule

American troops are beginning to fan out from Mogadishu, the Somali capital, but slowly and belatedly. The gunmen are still running amok. Sam Kiley describes an attack in which his bodyguard was shot Pages 1. II

Moral armament

The outraged moral stand taken by Parliament against Hitler's extermination of the Jews 50 years ago tomorrow should in-rights atrocities.....

spire MPs faced with the resurgence of Nazism across Europe and atrocities in Bosnia, Martin Gilbert, the distinguished historian, said last night...... Page 2

Gilbey award

Anthony Gilbey, a member of the gin family, was awarded £85,000 damages and costs against the police for a three-year ordeal which began with his wrongful arrest for gross indecency in a public lavatory in June 1989. Officers keeping routine watch observed him in surgical stockings and a corset in a cubide in Beccles, Suffolk, the High Court was told, but he was wearing them because of thrombosis in his legs.

Art of the possible

After years of indecision, the Tate Gallery is to establish a museum of modern art to display twentieth century masterpieces often hidden from the public gaze...

Sauce provençale

A seductive BBC1 adaptation of Peter Mayle's best-selling A Year In Provence is the central plank of the corporation's £80 million assault on ITV this winterPage 6

Atrocities enquiry

As both sides in El Salvador's civil war day celebrated the disarmament and demobilisation of the rebel military forces and their conversion into a civilian political party, investigations were continuing into human

Cleaning up with flights of fancy

Demand outstripped supply yesterday as customers besieged high street stores in search of the vacuum cleaner that would fly them to America and back for nothing. Hoover, the homeappliance manufacturer, is wiping the floor with rivals after offering consumers who spend at least £100 two free return flights to either New York or Florida......Page 3



Transport of delight: a £400,000 Father Christmas and sleigh, made from 32lb of 18-carat gold, in a Bond Street jeweller's yesterday

High street blues: The fragile recovery in retail sales appears to have stalled in November, warned the Confederation of British Industry in its monthly survey of the distributive trades. Meanwhile, companies are being squeezed by the rising cost of raw materials and stagnant output prices Page 19 Banka in the dock: Sir Peter Walters, chairman of Midland Bank, was summoned to the Treasury to answer daims that small businesses do not fully benefit from cuts in .. Page 19 interest rates...

Markets: The pound closed mixed against leading currencies, rising 0.25 cents to \$1.5680 but easing 0.19 pfennigs to DM2.4578, leaving the trade-weighted index unchanged at 80.4. Shares closed down 3.9 at 2717.9..... Page 19

THE SPORT

Ruud awakening: Holland, England's key rivals in football's World Cup qualifying Group 2, are pinning their hopes on Ruud Gullit inspiring them to reach the finals. The AC Milan forward has come out of international retirement for tonight's game against Turkey in Istanbul, which will be watched by Graham Taylor, the England manager...... Page 34

Between the covers: David Gower's autobiography is an outstanding read, narrowly usurping Patrick Murphy's loving trawl through England's greens and meadows in The Rothman's Book of Village Cricket as Alan Lee's cricket book of the year Page 31

Thinking ahead: One of the less regal aspects of the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales is that his wealth will be under the same scrutiny as that of any estranged husband. Her lawyers will

be thinking ahead to a likely divorce settlement Page 12 Pencil wit: Dan Wasserman of the Boston Globe calls it "a remarkable

haircur", adding: "He keeps looking for the perfect presidential hairdo. I try to keep up to date with his hair, but it takes a lot of research." American political cartoonists on Bill Clinton, the face just begging ... Page 13

Vivienne Westwood,

fashion designer.

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Buckingham Palace

51, the punk-inspired

Designs on Shakespears: The "visual poetry" of the work of Bob Crowley, designer of the RSC's new Hamlet, with Branagh Page 25

Precoclous or precious? From Dickens's "infant phenomenon" to Macaulay Culkin, child actors have exercised peculiar Page 25

Led by the nose: Robert Lindsay certainly looks the part as Cyrano de Bergeracat the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, but is lacking the necessary panache..... .. Page 27

Factnating rhythms: British musician Jack Gibbons is recreating Gershwin piano Page 27

Rine and shine: Melinda Wittstock looks at GMTV, which takes over from TV-am in the new year and promises a breakfast diet for tab-

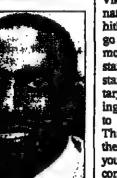
Take the tabloids: Sir Bernard Ingham, formerly Margaret Thatcher's spokesman at No. 10, reveals all about life as a columnist at the uncomplicated end of Fleet

Special character: Twenty-five years ago the government set up legislation to protect areas of architectural interest. Steven Parissien reports on what has happened

SIMON JENKINS

.. Page 28 loid readers. ... Page 28





Linford Christie will be paid £500,000 to wear Puma shoes and clothing for his last two years in international sprinting Page 36

Notes Silver Weight of evidence: There is no

point in worrying too much about dicting during the season of festive excess. It could actually be bad for you, according to Dispatches (Channel 4, 9pm) Page 35

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Russian turmoil

Until the new government shows evidence of atavistic behaviour, there is no cause for alarm, still less for despair. The West should not let down its guard but Russia deserves the benefit of the doubt Page 15

For the prince

The Prince of Wales has already proved his capacity to be a good monarch. His son is too young to be judged.....

Bondage of saleroom

But when a former British ambassador to Washington paid £418 for a dark blue suit belonging to lan Fleming, which he had himself put up for sale. Bond snapped shut his

My enthusiasm for Bart's is both personal and intense. There may even be a case for its survival against the manifest reasonableness of the Tomlinson report on London hospitals, which says it should close. But its exploitation of its child patients in the pages of the tabloid press suggests it has no confidence in rational argument. It makes me shudder. It is the public expenditure equivalent of an African renting a deformed child to beg from tourists. Bart's publicists are dearly taking a leaf out of George Bush's campaign book that any means, however tacky, justifies the end. But do they?..... Page 14

ANNE MOELVOY

Viktor Chernomyrdin is the incarnation of what the Yeltsin team has hitherto stood against. He wants to go slow where the reformers seek to move fast, favours the role of the state where they elect the market, stands for the loosening of monetary policy where they see the resulting inflation as the greatest threat to prosperity. Imagine Margaret Thatcher sharing the running of the country with John Prescott and you have some idea of what has come to pass in Moscow.. Page 14

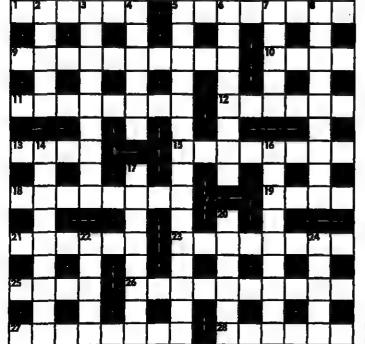
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- 10 Note about current office staff 11 Horse-box used by colonel, say?
- 12 Game played in a French square by English? Not so (6).
- 13 It concealed a horse in the old story (4).
- 15 Shy about dressing in an archaic fashion (8).
- 18 Deceive sweetheart about origin of garden plant (8).
- 19 Church officer in Cornwall, perhaps (4). 21 Ben Battle abandoned one to
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- 6 It's not just the position of a British actor (8).
 7 Bound by deadline (5).
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- 17 Lavengro hesitatingly rejecting Polonius's advice? (8). 20 A job providing accommodation for soldiers (6).
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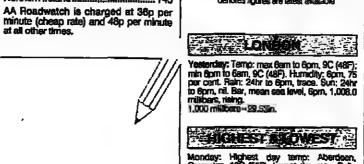
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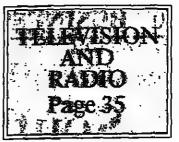
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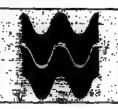


Ian McAllister, managing director of Ford UK, takes a day off each week to teach his dealers how to sell cars American-style Page 23

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Losses at YJ Lovell, the housebuilder and property group, eased from £20.3 million pre-tax to £12 million Tempus, page 20

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Welsh Water made a £17.5 million profit from the sale of its 14.9 per cent stake in South Wales Electricity Page 21

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I win squeeze for shops and factories

By JANET BUSH **ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S manufacturers and retailers are facing a double squeeze in the run-up to Christmas, according to the latest evidence on the

economy.

The high streets are still suffering from lack of consumer demand, in spite of lower interest rates, and manufacturers are facing higher import prices, caused by sterling's devaluation, which they are unable to pass on because there is no customer

As a result, industry is still unable to start rebuilding margins and many retailers and motor traders still having to cut prices to attract buyers.

There are signs that some sectors of manufacturing are beginning to stabilise, perhaps because competitiveness has been given a substantial boost by the depreciation of stering since September. For example, the chemical industry, a leading exporter, has started to recover to more normal levels of activity after depreciations desired the second to the started to recover to more normal levels of activity after desired the second to t slumping during the autumn.

Manufacturing output rose

A dearth of customers in Britain's high streets is combining with pressure on manufacturers who cannot pass on import price rises caused by sterling's devaluation

0.3 per cent in October compared with September, according to figures released by the Central Statistical Office. However, using the CSO's more favoured quarter-by-quarter measure, output fell 0.2 per cent in the three months to October. Industrial production, which includes the volatile energy sector, rose 1 per cent in the quarter, almost entirely due to higher oil and gas output as North production lost during maintenance earlier this year.

While devaluation has helped industry's competitiveness, it is also bringing price pressures. The CSO reported that input prices - the prices manufacturers pay for raw materials — rose 2.4 per cent between October and Novem-ber, the highest monthly rise since October 1976. It is clear evidence of the

continued weakness of demand that manufacturing

pressure in ERM

nism came under severe specafter a single day of respite in the wake of the successful compromise at the Edinburgh

weakened during the day in spite of repeated and obvious support from the Bundesbank. The German central bank's actions in the market were almost completely undermined by remarks by Ottmar Issing, an influential member of the Bundesbank's policy-

making council. He said that German inflacut in German interest rates

at the Edinburgh summit, there was still speculation that there would have to be a realignment of the ERM to alleviate the pressure on some night interest rates to 16 per edged a little above its ERM

to pass on these additional costs to customers. Producer prices rose only 0.3 per cent between October and Novem-ber. John Major hailed this as evidence that Britain had won the battle against inflation. However, the figures showed that manufacturers are caught in a pincer movement between rising import costs and weak demand and have little choice but to keep prices down. Weak demand and contin-

companies have not been able

ued pressure on prices was the clear message of the quarterly Distributive Trades Survey published by the Confederation of British Industry. In November, retail sales were lower than a year ago and seem to have worsened since
October. In spite of government figures recently showing
a small but steady rise in retail
sales, retailers do not expect
their Christmas business to be

any better than last December.
Nigel Whittaker, chairman
of the CBI distributive trades panel, held out hope that, with a wealth of bargains in the shops, there could be a burst of sales in the run-up to Christ-mas. Nevertheless, he said that retailers were right to be

The balance of retailers reporting increased average sales prices was similar to that in August, the lowest since the survey began in 1983, and the net proportion of firms able to increase prices over the past year was the second lowest ever. In the motor trade, average selling prices were reported to have fallen in November compared with the previous year, the first time that has heppened since the

survey was begun.
All three distributive trades - retail, motor and wholesale - expected the business situation to get worse, not better, over the next three months.

The government publishes its official retail sales figures for November today. These are expected to show another small rise.

ed, Engineering and Electri-cal Union, said: "We are not

Cosy chat for listening banker

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, has admitted to Sir Peter Walters, the chairman of Midland Bank, that new Bank of England research shows banks are pass-ing on most interest rate cuts to their business customers.

Mr Lamont met Sir Peter resterday in the first of his informal talks with the chairman of the clearing banks. He called the meetings last month after he became concerned that banks were prolonging the recession by not giving business customers the benefit of the fall in base rates.

During the meeting, Mr Lamont referred to Bank data showing most small com-panies have loans linked to base rates and have received most or all of the cuts. The Treasury is expected to announce details later this week. Sir Peter said the meeting

had been friendly and constructive. "This discussion was really meant to get to the bottom of some of the prob-lems small businesses are fac-

ing," he said.
Mr Lamont put pressure on
Sir Peter to find other forms of company finance than over-drafts. "Ninety-eight per cent of our business loans are baserate linked. So instead we discussed what more can be done for small businesses at the bottom of the recession, Sir Peter said. He also reminded Mr Lamont that Midland has pioneered regional enter

prise equity injections.

Midland later said that interest margins had in-creased for 12 per cent of their customers since the recession began, but had reduced for 13 per cent. The bank also rejected claims that it is no longer prepared to lend. "Midland currently has the capital to finance the right proposals and is willing to do so," Sir Peter said. He also hit back at recent media attacks on the banks. "We must guard against any damage being done to the banking industry by unfounded criticism which may impair the banks' ability to help companies and the country recover from the recession," he said.

Unhappy clients, page 22

Franc faces renewed

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE exchange-rate mecha- who had been banking on a

The focus of selling was again the French franc, which

tionary pressures remained high and were unlikely to ease in coming months. This re-statement of the Bundesbank's position disappointed many in the financial markets,

early in the new year. In spite of the show of unity

of its weaker currencies. The Irish central bank cut overcent from 20 per cent, a sign that speculation against the punt has eased. The punt

Sterling showed little reaction to yesterday's batch of economic statistics. In spite of a small rise in manufacturing output and industrial production and subdued factory prices. It closed the day almost unchanged from Monday's close at about DM2.4580.

chairman, after defending the bank's interest rate policy yesterday in a 25-minu discussion with Norman Lamont. The Chancellor plans to meet the other main high street bank chairmen this week to urge them to help small business customers survive the recession. (Photograph:

Peter Walters, Midland Bank

Called to account: Sir

US firm to buy 28 **Airbuses**

By COLIN NARBROUGH

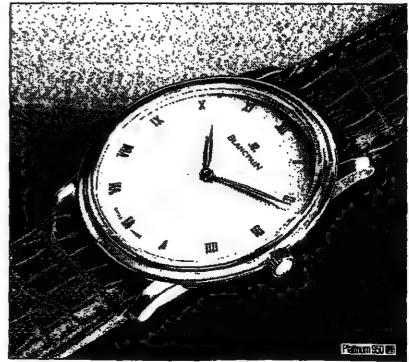
THE European Airbus con-sortium, which last week suffered a severe setback when Northwest Airlines, its single biggest customer, cancelled a \$3.5 billion aircraft order, has secured \$1.5 billion of new business from America's leading aircraft leasing company. International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC), a subsidiary of American International, yesterday placed an order for 28 Airbuses along with a 53-plane order worth \$2.6 billion to Boeing, the American aircraft group, and an order for one plane from McDonnell Douglas, another

American manufacturer. Rolls-Royce, the aircraft enine maker, said it had won \$160 million worth of firm orders from ILFC, which has selected Rolls-Royce engines for one Airbus aircraft and a number of Boeing planes. The IFLC order is for four

firm and three option A300-600Rs, one firm A310-300. six firm and two option A319s. The list also include five firm orders for A320s, nine firm and two option A32 Is, one firm and one option A330 and two firm A340-300s.

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IBM shakes markets with new job cuts

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IBM, the computer giant, last night shocked the markets with a fresh round of job cuts. factory closures, and a warning over this year's profits and next year's dividend. In Britain, where IBM em-

ploys 15,000, the head-count could fall to 13,000 by the end of next year. Much of the shake up - the third major restructuring in two years — will be aimed at recession-hit Europe, where IBM has operations in Britain, France, Italy and

Сегтапу. To cover closure costs, the world's largest computer maker will take a \$6 billion charge against fourth-quarter profits. virtually guaranteeing a net loss for the year.

IBM estimates that a further 25,000 jobs will be cut worldwide from among the company's core businesses of building mainframe computers. An estimated 40,000 have

already been cut this year. Analysts say the reorganisation indicates IBM is moving away from its hardware operations and concentrating on software and

John Akers, IBM chairman and chief executive, expects unfavourable business and



Akers: dividend warning

economic conditions to continue into next year and warms that without a significant improvement in 1993 current earnings expectations make IBM unsure of its ability to maintain its dividend at cur-

rent levels.

☐ Ford Motor Company is set. to announce up to 5,000 job cuts across Europe today, most of them in the UK. Union leaders have been called to a meeting with managers where they are likely to be told that recession-hit Ford has no option but to make the cuts. Officials believe 3,000 of the cuts will be from the UK.

Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford

expecting Ford to announce the closure of a factory - but you never know." The dire state of the car market is revealed in an Ford document called European Outlook, which reveals the "continuing serious deteriora-tion in our financial The document says: "It is necessary, therefore, to take corrective action in all areas to contain cost and bring production more in line with de-

mand. This includes lay-offs and short-time working at

many of our assembly plants." ☐ BP says it expects to reduce its worldwide workforce by a further 8,000 over the next three years. About 3,000 jobs will be lost by divesting subsidiaries and 5,000 will go via redundancy at as yet unidentified sites in BP's downstream and corporate operations.

These jobs are in addition to the 11,500 cuts declared in August. BP Chemicals yesterday said its buisdiene plant at Bagian Bay in South Wales would cease production next April with the loss of about 40

Ford jobs fear, page 21 Wall Street, page 22

WATER companies are tightening their belts and conserving their cash as regulation and recession bite and they look forward to a tighter price regime from 1995.

Welsh Water stole the sector headlines yesterday by placing its stake in South Wales Electricity, which has earned a good capital profit at the expense of controversy. Since the final instalment on electricity shares was paid, this has used capital to no purpose, hindering rather than advancing co-operation to save overheads.

Southern Water has been even more successful at conserving cash, earning £300,000 interest in the six months to end-September when it should have been well in the red. It has made capital savings in its investment programme, but this year's gain was mainly involuntary, due to planning delays on upgrad-

to planning delays on upgraded sewage outfalls.

Capital spending will be about £140 million this year, including pipe renewals, compared to a budgeted £180 million. With most permissions in. this should rise nearer £200 million in 1993-4. The rephasing was allowed for in the interim settlement with Ofwat, which raised real price increases over the next

two years.

Excluding last year's exceptional gains, pre-tax profit rose 8.3 per cent to 560 million, helped by saving on interest and depreciation. Earnings gained an underlying 8.9 per cent and the 9.2 per cent rise in dividend was again ahead of the pack. The second half should deliver much the same, despite higher bad debt and infrastructure charges, leaving the shares



Improving level: William Courtney, of Southern Water, which raised its dividend

yielding 6.2 per cent and selling modestly at about 6.7 times earnings, at 455p.

After 1995, when capital bid, a rights issue, a breach of covenants, bank support, and a qualified annual report.

The history lesson is made

After 1995, when capital spending will be lower than some, Southern will depend more on non-core profits. William Courtney, its chairman, has built these unspectacularly to 8 per cent of operating profit. That low profit rating would also attract any outside predator eyeing the industry. Worth holding.

The history lesson is made more ironic by the failed bid for Higgs and Hill, when Lovell was attacked for already being financially stretched and for making the bid to reduce reliance on British housebuilding Now the group has a three-year agreement with its banks and yesterday reported an attributable loss for the year

YJ Lovell

YJ LOVELL'S story is an

everyday tale of the building industry recession: a failed

year agreement with its banks and yesterday reported an attributable loss for the year of £23.7 million, an improvement on the £46.3 million clocked up in the previous year. Debts on the balance sheet stand at £55.21 million against shareholders' funds of

£45.5 million. There are also £45 million of borrowings held off the balance sheet in joint ventures.

Loveli says it should be out of its remaining problem areas in two years, two developments in Marbella and the urban renewal schemes, including 320 yuppie flats, all of which need to be sold.

Housebuilding, it seems, will break even if there is no recovery, and make money if there is. Construction is expected to generate cash and the partnership schemes should improve on this year's £5.6 million profit contribution. The City now thinks Lovell should survive — other-

APILI SAMUI NIA Tower A 851 636 4355 Sritish Capital Dollar European Far East Pinancial Gib; Fad ini Inc High Theid Income Ingan Tech Nar Resources Security Smaller Cop Special Sin US Smaller Cop Special Sin US Smaller Cop wise the banks would not have signed the agreement, to run to December, 1995. Lovell could be out of the woods in three years' time, and allowing for £2 million of provisions in the current year could even make £1.25 million before tax. But the shares, at 10p down 2p yesterday, are at best a gamble.

Southern Electric

SOUTHERN Electric can now breath a sigh of relief. Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, has cleared the regional supply companies' investments in gasfired power stations, where Southern has one of the largest commitments.

He found the supply companies had been purchasing power economically, putting Southern in a confident mood. The future looks bright. Southern yesterday unveiled a £1.6 million increase in pre-tax profits to £15.3 million.

Southern is cash strong, with plans to repay the £185 million balance of its government debt by April. It is flexing its muscles in the non-franchise market, increasing its distribution to commercial and industrial customers and looking forward to the opening up of further competition in the non-franchise market in 1994. Seven per cent of its electricity sold is now outside its own houridaries.

its own boundaries.
Yesterday, Southern gave
its 420,000 shareholders a
14.3 per cent rise in their
interim divided to 5.6p and
looks on course for a 12 per
cent full-year dividend rise.

Triplex Lloyd looks to exports

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

WHILE there is, as yet, no sign of an end to the recession in Britain for Triplex Lloyd, the industrial engineering group, Colin Cooke, its chairman and chief executive, is looking for strong exports led growth now that 54 per cent of sales are going abroad.

A strong performance from both power and automotive and engineering products buoyed the figures for the six months to end-September, with pre-tax profits ahead 6 per cent to £3.3 million.

At the operating level, profits were up 17 per cent to £4.71 million. Profits from property disposals disappeared, however, and interest payments were slightly higher as gearing went ahead from 48 per cent to 60 per cent by the end of September.

The interim dividend is held

The interim dividend is held at 2.5p, reflecting the management's confidence in the group's underlying strengths, but the non-repetition of £6.5 million of extraordinary provisions last time to cover restructuring means the payment is well covered by earnings this

Mr Cooke said that while the immediate outlook for automotive and engineering was cautious. in building products there was no sign of an upturn.

Power, which supplies components to land-based gas turbines, continued to see substantial opportunities for growth, with 70 per cent of the order books now exported and order books stretching two years into the future in some

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wace shares tumble after profit warning

SHARES in Wace, the specialist printing group, dived 25p to 52p after Trevor Grice, the new chief executive, said that property provisions of £37 million would have to be made at the year end on a portfolio of £60 million. He said that operating profits for the second half of 1992 would be down on the first half and substantially down on last year's second half. He warned investors of costs cuts that would result in provisions of £5 million.

The level of the final dividend. Wace said, would depend on conditions next April when the full-year results are announced. Wace is also to sell its American operations. Mr Grice said: "Wace is not a property company. Our skills lie in pre-press and specialist printing and the action announced confirms where management time and effort is now going to be focussed. Despite the trading conditions, the group is profitable."

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THE loss of 150 jobs at Hoskyns Group, the UK subsidiary of Cap Gemini Sogeti, the largest computer software house in Europe, has left it with £2.5 million redundancy costs. This, coupled with a £2.3 million decline in operating profits, clipped pre-tax figures from £14.3 million to £9.5 million in the year to end-October. Turnover was £198 million (£201 million). Earnings per share were 5.8p (10.5p). An unchanged 1.65p final leaves the total at 2.4p.

Shaftesbury cuts loss

THE disposal of development properties helped Shaftesbury, the developer specialising in properties in London's West End, to report smaller losses before tax and after provisions of £4.7 million for the year to September 30 (£12.8 million losses). The improvement also reflected a sharp drop in the level of provisions against the cost of development properties from £8.8 million to £2.1 million. Net assets per share fell from £1.17 to 87p. The share price remained at 40p.

Computer firm in red

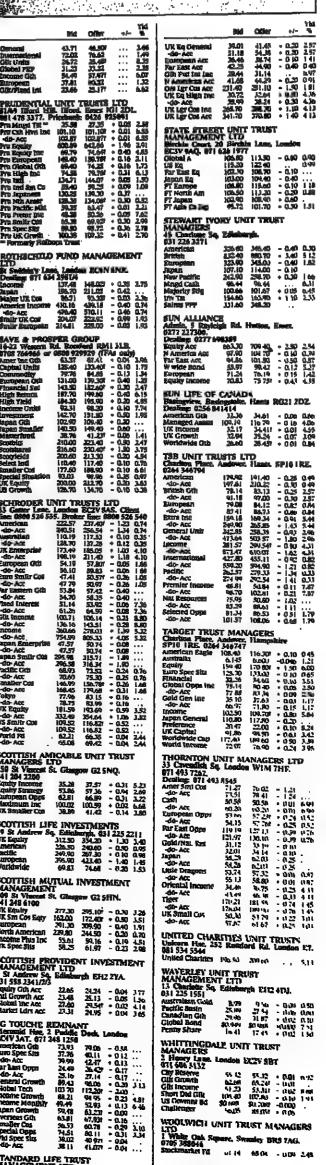
ENTERPRISE Computer Holdings, the largest European supplier of second-hand IBM computers, has completed a rationalisation programme that is expected to cut annual overhead costs by £4 million. The company reported a presux loss of £3.39 million (£3.4 million loss) in the six months to end-September. Turnover fell to £35.5 million (£57.6 million), largely because of disposals. There is a loss per share of 4.3p (4.6p loss) and no interim dividend (nll).

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Tunnel talks breakdown threatens opening date

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE long-running negotiations between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the consortium building the Channel tunnel, have been abandoned in acrimony, threatening the proposed opening of the tun-nel in December 1993.

TML said yesterday that with regret it had been unable to reach agreement with Eurotunnel on payment on £1.2 billion-plus of cost overruns it had been claiming. "Negotiations are therefore at a standstill," it said.

TML said its members had gone a considerable way to-wards accommodating Euro-tunnel's proposals — "to the

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Water

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Southern Water, which sup-plies one of the drier parts of Britain and held one of the

first general water metering trials on the Isle of Wight, has

lost faith in metering as a

general charging system to

replace domestic rates. William Courtney, South-

em's chairman, argued that

customers' main interest was in water being available when

they wanted it and that cuts in

usage as a result of metering

might disappear when people got used to paying for the volume they used. He suggested metering was costly and savings largely theoretical.

Water usage has fallen in

Southern's supply area during

the recession, costing the

group about £2 million in the

six months to end-September.

Bad debts are also increasing

faster than budgeted. The

group increased its charge for

bad debts by £1 million and expects to raise its provisions against doubtful debts from

£10 million to £15 million.

Turnover rose 10 per cent to £160 million. This included

£10 million from non-regulated businesses, which contrib-

uted £4.8 million to operating

profit. Pre-tax profit fell from

£61.4 million to £60 million

included £6 million exception-

al gains from realising stakes in other water companies.

The dividend rises 9.2 per

cent to 7.1p from earnings of

£34.4p per share. Southern shares gained 2p to 455p.

Capital spending fell from

£80 million to £63 million. For the full year, spending is likely

to be about £140 million,

compared with an expected

Pegasus, the USM-quoted

computer software group, has taken Jonathan Hubbard-

Ford back as chief executive

only three weeks after he left

the company. The move came

as Derek Moon, non-execu-

tive chairman, resigned along

with three other directors. Mr

Moon is replaced by Philip

Sellers, non-executive chair-man of the CSL Group and a

director of Etam, the womens-

JSH buys stake

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in Cycle & Carriage of Singa-pore for S\$212.5 million

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Alitalia, the Italian airline, has

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TML, the Channel tunnel building consortium, which is already strapped for cash, is reluctant to accept Eurotunnel shares in lieu of payment for cost overruns

point where we have come within a short distance of reaching an equitable agree-ment." But there remained a gap to be bridged.

Eurotunnel shares fell 11p to 329p on the news, while the shares of some of the TML builders themselves, five of which are British, also came under pressure. The two sides had been

close to settlement, with Eurotumnel known to have offered £980 million in cash

services to commence as soon as possible." Eurotumel, which said it had received "with regret" the

so as to allow revenue-earning

TML statement on the breakdown of talks, viewed this last paragraph as a veiled threat that the builders could choose so in some form of equity, possibly convertible loan stock. to delay project completion. TML said the uncertainties

The company said: "Euro-tunnel's first priority remains the completion of the project as early as already jointly agreed possible with TML, so that it can open for revenue service in December 1993. "Eurotunnel notes with par-

ticular regret the indication at the end of TML's statement that they may withold co-operation, thus delaying com-

The December date involves the phased opening of the tunnel, with only a few trains running during the first win-ter period. Eurotunnel itself concedes that it will require enormous goodwill on both sides and the co-operation of the builders to meet this deadline. Otherwise the full opening could be pushed into spring 1994. This will deprive it of the first trickle of revenue flow that would arrive immediately and might threaten agreements on full funding now reached with the project's hankers.

A spokesman for TML commented: "The next step is that Eurotunnel will have to come back if it is prepared to continue with negotiations in line with what we've put

forward." The builders are claiming that the deal that was on the table this summer has effectively been withdrawn, because the cash element has been reduced to little more than £900 million and the balance has been made up of equity. The dispute is therefore over the value of that equity to the builders, who already have a stake in the project.

However, Eurotunnel says that the total sum on offer has not changed. If the two sides are unable to reach an agreement, the matter will have to continue in arbitration, pushing any eventual payment to the builders, some of whom are severely strapped for cash. back into next year.

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and another £200 million or

surrounding the proposed non-cash element meant the

consortium was unable to

of Welsh Water, wished his opposite number at South Wales Electricity a happy Christmas as he told him the water company had sold its hostile 14.9 per cent shareholding. Welsh Water cashed its

stake for £68.7 million, net of expenses, yesterday morning. It made a profit of £17.5 million on the sale of 15.1 million South Wales Electricity shares, which it placed with several dozen institutions at a price of 460p a share.

JOHN Elfed Jones, chairman

The price was a discount on South Wales opening share quote of 481p.
Mr Jones said he still feels

"very disappointed" that South Wales was unable to recognise the money-saving potential of the two utilities working together and combin-ing administrative operations, cable laying and depots.

The water company acquired the stake in two tranches in December 1990 and June 1991, hoping it would help persuade South Wales to pool its resources with Welsh Water.

Mr Jones said: "It is the season of goodwill and I would not mind betting that we have brought a smile to the face of the South Wales Elec-

the removal of a perceived threat could pave the way for future co-operation between the two. We are still con-vinced that these savings were there to be got at", he said. Wynford Evans, chairman of South Wales, welcomed the

He said: "We now have a wider shareholder base and are pleased that a significant number of institutional investors are involved."

Given South Wales' refusal to take part in a joint venture, Welsh Water was faced with the option of waiting for the 15 per cent limitation on shareholdings to expire in 2001, or selling the shares. He said the shares have

performed particularly well since the end of August, so Welsh Water decided to maximise the benefits for its shareholders by selling the Mr Jones estimated that Welsh Water has made a

profit of £1,000 for every hour of the investment in South Wales, a rate of return of 33.5 per cent.
In addition, the funding of the shareholding has been achieved by the dividends

received from South. Wales

Electricity.



Ferranti reduces losses to £10.9m

BY NEIL BENNETT

FERRANTI, the defence electronics firm, admitted that it does not expect to recover anything more from the \$190 million fraud that almost de-

stroyed it two years ago. The company said yesterday that it was continuing legal action in America against James Guerin, the former chairman of its International Signal & Control subsidiary. but has few hopes it will recover any more money.
This means the fraud cost

the group more than \$500 million, including the \$400 milion to acquire ISC in 1987.
Ferranti recouped £40 million from KPMG Peat Marwick,
ISC's auditor, last year.

Yesterday, Ferranti showed it is still suffering from the ISC fraud although it cut half-year losses to £10.9 million (£28.8 million loss) in the six months to end-September. Turnover plunged 49 per cent to £109 million. Since the company has no distributable reserves it

cannot pay a dividend,
During the half year,
Ferranti reduced costs by shedding 652 staff. It is now planning to reduce costs further by combining its Oldham and Moston, Manchester, op-erations. It is also moving its head office near to Manchester airport.

Ferranti won contracts worth £90,7 million in the six months. These include an air traffic control simulator for Sweden and a command unit for the Manchester fire ser-vice. There is a possible further contract for the Falcon Eye air defence system for Saudi Arabia and neighbouring countries. That depends on the Al Yammamah 11 deal but is expected to be worth more than £100 million.

City electronics analysts expected Ferranti to lose £18 million (£39.6 million loss) this year and, perhaps, break even by 1994. A healthier order book could make it an attractive takeover target. GEC, Siemens and Thomson are all thought to be possible

In the half year, Ferranti cut its debt to £74.1 million (£97.5 million) and its interest bill £1.2 million to £5.6 million. But debts still outstrip shareholders funds, down a quarter to £62.2 million.

Firms observe the benefits of community involvement

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

CORPORATE involvement in the community is holding up well, despite the pro-longued recession, and companies are increasingly con-tributing in the form of skills and goods, according to the latest survey from Business in the Community (BITC).

The annual report of the Per Cent Club, which includes 500 leading companies in BITC contained the findings of a boardroom review that showed corporate engage-ment is no longer motivated

purely by philanthropy, but that community activity is moving towards supporting business objectives.

The survey found 82 per cent of companies have a community policy. The utili-ties, financial services, transport and communications sectors had the greatest in-volvement, mostly in educa-tion and training, environment, economic regeneration and community care.

Neil Shaw, the Tate & Lyle chairman, who last night suc-



ceeded Lord Laing of Dunphail as joint chairman of the Per Cent Club, said the review, conducted by Bain & Co, the management consultants, revealed that companies with formal board-level policies for the community appear significantly more successful in this field than firms with an informal or no policy.

As to business benefits, Mr

Shaw said the most commonly cited related to employee morale, demonstrating care and support as an employer, and helping staff development and recruitment.

He was addressing the Per Cent Club annual meeting at the Banqueting Hall in White-hall, attended by The Prince of Wales, BITC president. Per Cent Club companies are com-mitted to contributing at least 0.5 per cent of pre-tax profits, or 1 per cent of dividends, to the community. Mr Shaw called for club

membership to be widened so as not to be seen as the preserve of big London com-panies. He also said he wanted to consult members on the level and expression of contribution. "I'm keen to look at vays to encourage Per Cent Club members to see their activities in terms of benefit to their busineses as much as to the community," he said.

BY JON ASHWORTH COURTS, the furniture group headed by Bruce Cohen, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.8 million (£2.1 million) in the sk months to September 26. Turnover climbed to £84.1

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Turnover climbed to £84.1 million (£80.7 million).

Trading profits were flat at £2.5 million but a property gain of £311,000, compared with losses on property of £322,000 last time, left overall profits higher. Earnings per share were 4.95p (2.69p). There is an unchanged inter-im dividend of 1.83p a share.

The group, which spends £2.5 million a year on television advertising and recently floated a subsidiary on the Singapore stock exchange, said the depressed housing market was hurting sales in the south of England where most of its stores are located.

subsidiaries grew to £38 million (£33 million) with the largest increases in Singapore and Fiji. Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Mauritius and St Lucia also showed improvements. A decline in earnings from tourism has had an impact on operations in the Caribbean.

Turnover from overseas

High street stores have been closed at Ryde, Newmarket, Bangor and Tonbridge. A new superstore is planned to open in Swindon in 1993.

Rise in electricity sales helps Southern's profits to soar

By Patricia Tehan

SOUTHERN Electric has unveiled an 11.7 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £15.3 million helped by a 3 per cent increase in electricity sales. Turnover rose from £745.5

million to £760.6 million. Earnings per share climbed 13.5 per cent to 3.78p and shareholders will receive a half-way dividend of 5.6p. a 14.3 per cent increase.

Despite the recession, electricity sales rose 3.1 per cent. Units distributed were down 0.7 per cent compared with the comparable period last year, although Southern said that when seasonal factors were taken into account there was a 0.2 per cent overall

increase in units distributed. Duncan Ross, Southern's chairman, said the company would have shed 9 per cent of its workforce, that is 530 jobs, by the end of the year as part of its drive to cut costs. Southern is reluciant to sign

a five-year coal deal until the government has finished its review of the energy market in the new year. On Monday, Eastern signed a five-year contract with PowerGen for coal-fired power worth £100 million.

However, Mr Ross said he expected the remaining 11 regional companies to sign a heads of agreement for a fiveyear deal with the generators

by the end of the month. He said a five-year contract based on the volumes of coal-fired power currently under discussion would cost Southern £1.7 billion. That is not something we would enter into lightly."

If heads of agreement were signed by the end of the month, negotiations could continue until publication of the government's white paper, he said. The regional suppliers do not need to set tariffs for the next financial year until the end of February. "There is no point in signing contracts before then unless the situation is clearer" he said.

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Ford jobs fear blights car makers' optimism

BY ROSS TYEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Ford Motor Company will today announce a new wave of job losses, despite optimism at Nissan and Rover about prospects for 1993. Unions fear that Ford will cut at least 3,000 more of its 35,000 United Kingdom employees. They expect job cuts to be especially heavy among the

9,700 salaried staff. Details of the results of a series of business reviews will be presented to representatives of production workers and staff at consecutive meetings in London this morning. Unions believe that Ford may make comput-sory redundancies for the first time in

three decades. Since the end of September, 2,314 Ford workers have volunteered for redundancy, narrowly enabling Britain's biggest car maker to meet its have also made advances. Rover, retrenchment targets. The company has also introduced short-time working, at its three British assembly plants, for Transit vans at Southampton, Fiesta hatchbacks at Dagenham, Essex, and Escort and Orion saloons at Halewood, Merseyside.

Even though the company has kept its top spot in the UK's soggy car market, Ford's market share during the first 11 months of the year slipped from 24.2 per cent to 22.5 per cent. Many industry observers believe its problems result parily from a structural shift, as the leading position of domestic manufacturers in European national markets succumbs to the pressure of the single market.

Vauxhall, the British number two manufacturer, has increased market share to 16.8 per cent, and Peugeot, with a plant at Coventry, and Citroen third with 12.88 per cent of the market, has seen UK market share fall overall, but believes new products and efficiency gains are enhancing its ability to compete.

Rover yesterday announced plans to introduce a third shift at its large cars plant in Cowley. Oxfordshire, to cope with a planned 50 per cent increase in output next year. However, the plant employs only 3,000 people, and there will be no extra jobs as output rises from 50,000 to 75,000. Output of the company's flagship vehicle, the Rover 800, has edged up to 16,242 during the first 11 months, securing its place as leader in the executive car market.

But the big boost to Cowley will come next April, when Rover launches its new medium car. The vehicle, expected to be called the 600

series, has been developed with Honda of Japan

Japanese manufacturers are beginning to have an impact in Britain, but their main effect will be on the balance of payments. Nissan will lift annual output at its plant in Washington, Tyne & Wear, next year by 130,000 cars as the company's new Micra small car goes on sale more widely. Already, 87 per cent of Nissan's Primera saloons and 89 per cent of Micras are exported to other European markets, increasing mar-ket share there, but also substituting for vehicles previously built in Japan.

As turnover builds up from £1 billion in 1992 to £1.5 billion next year and £2 billion thereafter, Nissan expects to leap from Britain's 14th largest exporter into the top ten.

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More small businesses unhappy with banks

By DEREK HARRIS

NEARLY a quarter of small businesses say that relations with their banks have deteriorated this year, compared with 10 per cent last year.

Kingston University's small business research centre carried out the research as part of an investigation of small businesses by the Economic and Research 'Council (ESRC).

Barclays Bank, the only high street bank among the ESRC programme sponsors, agreed that "banks should look more closely" at how small businesses achieve growth so as "ultimately to make better lending decisions

It backed another suggestion that banks could be more pro-active in providing better "marriage bureau" services between "business angels" with money to invest and equity-hungry small

Bardays, which claims its lending to small businesses has remained consistent at £13 billion for the past three years, also backed up research findings that banks should not be pressurised into withdrawing from the small business

However, Barclays is to concentrate its lending on the better run small business prospect. David Lavarack, head of the bank's small business services, warned. He said: "The research clearity shows that those businesses which undertake strategic planning, good financial control and better marketing are those which stand a greater chance of survival and growth. It is these types of businesses which will become the focus of our lend-

STOCK WARKET Hillsdown shares climb in late buying spree

A LATE flurry of speculative buying sent shares of Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, climbing 10p to 122p during the last half hour of trading as 3.5

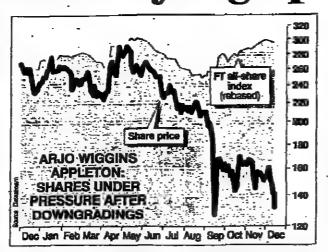
million changed hands. Dealers said the spree was signalled by a big buyer of Hillsdown in the traded options market, fuelling talk that the company might soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid. The buyer is believed to have bought 500 contracts in the June 110p series, equivalent to 500,000 shares in the cash market. This forced at least one market-maker to start covering a short position.

Talk in after-hours trading suggested the group was about to make an announcement about a big disposal. Pre-tax profits in the current year are expected show a further deterioration, down from £186 million to £170 million.

The rest of the equity market spent another lackfustre session, with prices fluctuating in narrow limits throughout the day after failing to find a lead from the financial future.

The latest batch of economic indicators failed to make an impression and an opening fall on Wall Street left the FT-SE 100 index down 3.9, at 2,717.9. Turnover remained on the low side with only 549 million shares traded.

Among leaders, Tate & Lyle rose 5½p to 397½p on news that Pepsico, the US soft drinks group, had renewed its contract for the supply of highfructuse corn syrup. But Cadbury Schweppes fell 11p to 451p after UBS Phillips & Drew was thought to have



Clay 15p off at 400p. Rothmans International B dropped 10p to 625p when BZW turned cautious.

There was little respite for Arjo Wiggins Appleton, down 9p at 132p, with the profit downgradings continuing. This time, it is thought that Cazenove and Warburg Securities had lowered their estiand it looks as though at least one market-maker is unable to cover a short position. Eurotunnel was an early

casualty but closed above its worst, with a fall of 11p to 329p after touching 323p. Talks between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the consortium of ten construction companies building the project, have broken down.

United Biscuits fell 4p to 334p as Crédit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, turned seller and downgraded its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £6 million to £165 million and for 1993 by £14.5 million to £190 million. Laing said that UB's markets had slowed substantially and possibly permanently.

Drew, the group's joint bro-ker, cut its forecast for the third time this year. Bid talk boosted Hammerson A 23p to 277p. with 1.1 million shares traded. Speculators claim Hanson wants to make a bid for the property developer after talks aimed at rescuing Canary Wharf were abandoned. But

mates. Last week, Phillips & The two sides have been negotiating for months about a £1.27 billion dispute over costs. TML said Eurotunnel's proposals to meet the costs were unacceptable. Originally the project was expected to cost £4.7 billion. That figure has now grown to £8.1 billion.

Glazo fell 19p to 791p and SmithKline Beecham A 6p to

effects of increased competition on Zantac and Tagamet. their respective anti-older drugs. Astra, the Swedish group, said sales of Losec, its anti-ulcer treatment, grew to more than \$1 billion in 1992. meeting with analysts.

Intercare firmed 3p to 173p. The healthcare group has been awarded a major contract that is expected to add £700,000 to turnover.

South Wales Electricity fell op to 475p on learning that Welsh Water had disposed of its entire 14.9 per cent holding. The 15.1 million shares were placed jointly by Cazenove and County NatWest with various institu tions at 460o a share.

The sale raised £68.7 million and gave Welsh Water £17.4 million profit.Welsh Water ended 17p higher at 530p. The rest of the water companies attracted revived support after shrugging off the ill-effects of Monday's long list of ex-dividends. Anglian rose 7p to 480p. Northumbrian 9p to 559p, North West 4p to 475p, Severn Trent 4p to 455p, Southern 3p to 456p, South West 5p to 491p. Wessex 9p to 576p and Yorkshine 7p to 517p.

Wace, the printer, fell 23p to 54p after issuing a profits warning. The group said trad-ing conditions had not im-proved-since interim figures were published and expected trading profits in the second half to fall below those of the first six months. As a result, figures for the full year were expected to be significantly below those of 1991.

IBM losses mar early trading in **New York**

WALLSTREET

New York - Blue chips were slightly lower in early trading as losses in IBM weighed on the index, traders said. More than 1.5 million shares of IBM, off three at 59%, exchanged hands in the first 15 minutes after several announcements by the company, including its decision to cut up to 25,000 jobs in 1993.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 3.52 points to 3.288.68 while in the broad market, declining shares were in front of advancing issues six

□Tokyo — Shares staged a late rebound to close up but off the afternoon highs. Buying on technical grounds and by pension funds as well as revived rumours of an impending discount rate cut helped to lift prices. The Nikkei average was up 190.77 points to 17,480.74. ☐ Hong Roog — The Hang Seng index ended up 48.08 points, at 5,315.81. A broker

from Baring Securities said comments by President-elect Clinton that China might keep its most favoured nation trading status with America if it made progress on human rights had boosted the market. ☐ Singapore — Share prices cautious market. The Straits Times Industrial Index fell 12 points to 1,442.10 on volume of 72.59 million shares. □ Sydney — The all ordinaries index see-sawed throughout the day, ending 2.9 points lower at 1509.6. ☐ Frankfurt — Shares staged a modest turnround after five

straight days of losses. The Dax index ended up11.49 MICHAEL CLARK points, at 1,481.24. (Reuter



BRITISH FUNDS COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

GOVERNMENT securities were unimpressed with the latest economic statistics that revealed there is no firm evidence of a recovery being

Prices retreated across the board after brokers had time to absorb the information showing factory-gate prices still rising in November. The longer end of the market was the worst affected as fears were revived that sterling's devaluation would lead eventually to rising inflation.

On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt fell £1/s to £994 in thin contra cash £1012 cent

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Company promised interim dividend of 5.4p for current year. Tracking profits rose from £2.46m to £3.6m. Pre-tax: £2.8m (£2.4m) Further progress expected.

> Previous interim loss was £2.1m, with a loss of 509.4p a share.

Previous interim profit was £708,000. Sales fell from £17.5m to £16.4m and trading profit from £1.04m to £578,000 Previous interim profit was £565,000. Agreement to buy 50 pc of Fine Fragrances for £875,000

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Tunnel lights go dim again

hristmas would hardly be complete without another outbreak of hostilities between Eurotunnel and TML, the consortium of constructors which is building the tunnel. Few were surprised therefore that long-running negotiations to settle matters have broken down, or to be more precise, were broken off by TML. The two parties were apparently close to a deal. Now the prospects for seasonal goodwill and an outbreak of peace look poor. For time presses. The closer the project comes to completion, the less leverage the builders will have. If TML is to make a successful force play, then it must

TML's bargaining strength is already much weakened by the decision of the lending banks late last month to continue to allow Eurotunnel to draw on the funds already raised to complete the project. Though Eurotunnel was in breach of its banking agreements the waiver which allows access to cash

means a green light to proceed until early 1994. TML's main weapon is delay. The sword is slightly two edged for no contractor wishes to be seen by existing or potential customers as doing anything which could even remotely be described as harmful to the project on which it is engaged. Even the prospect of delay is not so potent as it once was. The most damaging delay for Eurtotunnel was that which shifted opening day from mid 1993 to the autumn. This entailed the loss of peak holiday season revenues. Deferring the current opening date of December next year to the spring of 1994 will involve far less serious revenue losses.

The bankers, who must be sick and tired of the endless bickering between Euroninnel and TML, could in theory withdraw their waiver if they deem that circumstances have changed materially. They are not likely to so do unless TML's withdrawal from

negotiations leads to serious delays.

Shareholders in TML's member companies may start to become fractious before long. Eurotunnel has already reduced the amount of cash it is offering to settle outstanding disputes and made a corresponding increase in the equity or near equity which makes up the proposed settlement package. Several TML companies, especially among the British members, are sorely stretched financially. The last thing their shareholders want is continued failure to agree followed by lengthy arbitration.

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he Government seems to be reverting to its old emphasis on the need to drive down inflation rather than ignite recovery. Yesterday's batch of statistics clearly showed that even allowing for the lags involved in converting raw materials to finished goods, manufacturers are not yet passing on the rising cost of imported raw materials to their customers. That is good news on the inflation front but it also provides evidence that demand for manufactured goods remains pitifully low. John Major chose to seize on factory gate prices as further proof that Britain has won the battle against nflation. Understandably, he played down the latest CBI survey showing that retailers, wholesalers and motor traders are still gripped with pessimism even as the all-important Christmas shopping season

Why did John Major spend most of parliamentary questions yesterday hailing Britain's low inflation and not a slight upturn in manufacturing output in October? If the Government has really shaken off its obsession with inflation that surely was the best piece of economic news yesterday. Any sign, however slim, that manufacturing is beginning to see some benefit from sterling's sharp depreciation since September is the real light at the end of the tunnel.

Ford imports American know-how to keep UK customers satisfied

The UK's biggest car producer believes that pleasing its clients is more important than mere sales figures, writes John Lawless

he next time you buy a Ford that does not give every expected pleasure, the salesman may just pour petrol over the offending vehicle, produce a box of matches and ask "Will you, or

Given the slump in UK car sales, last week's 4.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent price rises and today's expected announcement of a wave of job losses, Ford UK is facing the most challeng-ing new year of its 82 years in Britain. Even so. Ian McAllister, managing director, has told his 400 dealers: "My number one priority is not more sales, it is customer satisfaction." And, having taken charge of the British operations 15 months ago, after two years as general marketing manager at Ford's Lincoln-Mercury division in America, he is now importing American customer-care techniques to do battle in Europe.

Last month, be took 35 of Britain's top car dealers to Palm Springs. They met Bob Tasca, whose 2,500-plus sales a year in the small town of Seekonk, near Boston, puts him among the top ten Lincoln-Mercury dealers in America, among 30 other American dealers. Mr Tasca repeated the firebrand sales pledge he gives every customer: "You will be satisfied If you are not happy with your car, I'll fix it. Or I'll buy it back. Or both of us

Ian McAllister said: "American dealers are far more attuned to retailing. There is absolute dedication to customer satisfaction. It is

almost a religious fervour."

He has preached the gospel to more than 100 British dealers during the past year. "I take a day off most weeks to drive around to see three or four of them," he said.

The trip to Paim Springs could have been seen as teaching grand-mother to suck eggs. Large profits generated by Britain's dealers have regularly propped up Ford of America in the past two decades. But the dealers - who are used to junkets with which the world's auto-industry launches a new model, or says thankyou to the best-selling salesmen and their wives - each paid £3.500 air fares and hotel bills. Losses last year were £395 million. American salesmen have to go

through a detailed routine that is now followed by their British counterparts. Customers must be approached within two minutes of entering the showroom, but must never be pushed into making a decision. No American salesman would dream of not offering a test drive (whereas less than 70 per cent of British motorists get such an invite). And when the American customer comes to pick up the car, the salesman's bonus depends on his going through a detailed checklist



Spreading the word: Ian McAllister, centre, Ford UK managing director, sees three or four dealers a week

that includes everything from inspecting ashtrays to introducing him to the parts and service managers.

Ford UK has for several years used a customer satisfaction performance (CSP) index, derived from 250,000 questionnaires a year completed by new car buyers, to rate dealerships. From January, Mr McAllister is demanding that dealers use such analysis to judge their 3,000 sales-men. "It is not to threaten the salesman," Mr McAllister said. "We are not in the business of shooting people. The idea is to say 'Hey, Joe. you are not doing so and so'."

Paul Hancock, managing director of the Trimoco dealership in Luton. visited by Mr McAllister last week, agreed: "In America, a salesman is a the reverse. People here still tend to think of a salesman as a spotty young man with no experience. When the average buying public comes across someone who does not fit that

perception, they are surprised.
"In 1988 and 1989," he added. "customers were coming in in droves saying 'please can I buy a car?'."
Those customers were too often looked on by salesmen as a bonus production line worth up to £100 a time, depending on whether there was a part-exchange and what extras might be sold. "A good guy could have sold 300 units in 1989, just in retail sales," Mr Hancock added. "Today, it is likely to be half that."

Mr McAllister insists that the

selling of a replacement car begins the moment the customer drives away. "We require a follow-up call in two or five days. Another after four to six weeks, to fix an appointment for their first service. And they get another after six months, asking whether they were happy."

ut the long-sell technique stretches well beyond that. Trimoco has booked a telephone call to Helen McLaughlan, a Luton hairstylist, for October 13, 1994 — six weeks before the second anniversary of the day she traded in her Metro for a special edition Escort. She is one of the third to a half of Ford UK's customers who, in the past two years, have opted to finance their purchase via its Options scheme, another import from Ameri-ca. Financial specialists from Detroit visit British dealers every three months to retrain salesmen.

Options, copied by other British manufacturers, gives customers the chance to upgrade the car they are driving, without increasing the size of their monthly HP repayments. It is used mostly by younger car buyers in Britain, but by 80 per cent of motorists in the America.

Crucially, though, manufacturers

also guarantee a minimum trade-in value for the car in either two or three years' time. That helps tie customers to a marque. "Every person we deal with now, we are going to see again down the line," said Darren Tupper, Timoco business manager, as he

flipped through the two-year "good manners" diary inscribed with de-

tailed comments on every customer. A database at Ford's headquarters at Warley, Essex, lists every car sale in Britain during the past six years, regardless of manufacturer. Ford can predict when a car owner is likely to want to change his vehicle (previously every 2.4 years, but now longer). This information goes out to dealers. "It does not feed them hot prospects." Mr McAllister said, "but nicely warm leads. Generally, customers are very sceptical about people in the motor trade. But follow-ups build a relation-

ship. We have people who have bought on a 16th follow-up call."

Mr McAllister has also set up a satellite television channel exclusively for Ford dealers, again copied from Ford and Chrysler in America. Having ensured that rival manufacturers cannot tune in, senior managers are able to hold detailed discussions with dealers about the next three months' marketing plans. "Question and answer sessions are very lively," Mr Hancock said; and Mr McAllister added: "I am trying to

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order cars they want, instead of stocking up with vehicles that age, and cost extra money to move."

Getting out of touch has cost Ford several hundred million pounds over the past two years. Ford UK management failed to spot the 1991 slump hurtling towards it. It was forced to spend a fifth of its revenues on marketing: discounts to dealers to shift thousands of cars at almost any price. Now. Ford's top American managers are blaming over-optimis-tic forecasting by continental European dealers for an increase in production in the first six months of this year. That, they say, caused cutbacks and has brought Ford to the point of making its first compulsory redundancies in Britain.

ord UK had become Brit-ain's third-largest exporter. after British Aerospace and ICI, with 1991 foreign sales worth £2,782 million. Dagenham exports 55 per cent of its Fiestas. Halewood had overcome huge fears about the quality of British-build to the point where one in five of its Escorts and Orions are now sold abroad. "We had hardly any [production] down days in the first half of the year," Mr McAllister said. "In the middle of the year. Germany increased interest rates, Italy halved its incoming order rate [for cars] and Spain did the same. It is Europe that has affected our British plants."

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But the most fundamental change
in the British market has been
hidden by the dramatic swing in demand from 2.3 million cars sold in 1989 to a little more than 1.5 million this year. "We are now in a mature marketplace," Mr McAllister said. The density of cars per household means that we are not going to get great surges in demand again.

'New car sales will be determined by the scrappage rate. But we are not going to chase market share at any cost. If that means I get any embarrassing questions about why our share is down, I will answer our share is down, I will answer them. The way to gain share is to get owner-loyalty. Being market leader carries the risk of being the one to lose, particularly with the Japanese coming into my back garden [Honda and Nissan open UK factories in 1993]. But we will do it by building better cars. That means more sophistication, and clearers engineering. tication and cleverer engineering. The Japanese have higher design costs, but manufacturing costs have

Mr McAllister's big test is less than four months away. Late spring, will see the launch of the Mondeo, replacement for the Sierra, Ford's big seller in the fleet market. It cannot afford a damp-squib launch that the Escort suffered in 1990 (requiring a relaunch last September). Secret con-sumer trials, Mr McAllister said. suggest that it will be seen as a tremendous value-for-money, but not cheap, vehicle. "We are not going to be shy about pricing it right," he said. Mondeo's launch, Mr McAllister insists, will reveal a car blessed with every ounce of Ford's design, technological, safety and engineering muscle. "If we have to change the

specifications within the first year,

he conceded, "we have failed."

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Vulture over The Vulture

FORGET the festive turkey. what about The Vulture? The next week will see the last Christmas lunches served in the private dining rooms of The Georgian Vulture, the City's favourite and oldest chop house, which itself is facing the chop. The George was founded as an ale house in 1170, and amalgamated with The Lively Vulture, a nearby inn, shortly after the great fire. It is now about to make its third big adjustment to the passing centuries, as the dining rooms make way for a wine bar. The ghosts of the real Dick Whittington and the fictional Mr Pickwick, who both famously dined at The George, will have to find new lodgings, as will the City Pickwick Club. The club is one of the most eminent in the City - it consists entirely of former Lord Mayors, sheriffs and aldermen. They will probably be able to find someone to fit them in somewhere.

Change of image

THINGS are changing at that traditionally male preserve, Ede & Ravenscroft, the court and robe outfitters in Chancery Lane. It has started selling maternity wear. Madeleine Hamilton, 28, a former corporate finance specialist at Frere Cholmeley, the City solicitor, who has turned designer, has produced a variety of tailored shirts for pregnant lawyers. "They are proving extremely popular," she says. She sells them alongside a range of feminine City shirts it for the 1990s. The "substan-



and trades under the name of Res Ipsa Loquitur - The thing speaks for itself in law-

Welcome guests

CANNON Street Investments, the mini-conglomerate, was one of the more unlikely beneficiaries of royal press coverage last week. Al-though its share price, once 400p, is at rock bottom, at 54 p, it still owns the luxurious Craigendarroch hotel in Deeside, close to where the Princess Royal was married on Saturday. The hotel, best known for its pool where the Princess of Wales often takes a dip, was all but taken over by journalists, resulting in near record occupancy rates. Eric Brown, general manager, was even forced to open some of the 93 de luxe time-share lodges - normal peak rate £2,500 a week. Cannon installed Brown in October, after he sold his own successful Balbirnie House hotel in Fife, and is backing him to update

tial six-figure sum" the press brought in may not revive Cannon's fortunes, but could help assure Craigendarroch's future. "Winter profitability in was a welcome bonus. The press can come back any time," Brown says.

Shining light IF THERE was anything cal-

culated to make the battered British building industry weep as Christmas nears, it was the glad tidings the Cologne-based Strabag has sent out in its staff magazine in this third week of advent. While all around are gloomy at the prospect of economic winter stalking Germany, the construc-tion group results were enough to light up the heavens. Group output, the Strabag workforce, was told, will this year easily exceed last year's DM4.5 billion, with key divisions having achieved growth rates in excess of 30 per cent in the first nine months. With much of the increase in the company's building profits coming from the East, there is almost a biblical quality to this seasonal tale.

Boardroom antics A CORPORATE headquarters with stylish boardroom, and a sunny outlook in Clacton, Essex, goes on sale next month. Any reasonable offer will be considered by the vendor, the Woolwich Building Society. The building, close to local amenities and deserving an interior inspection, was architect-designed for Town & Country, taken over by the Woolwich in May, and pro-

daggers drawn again.

vides one of what is now an embarrassment of boardrooms for the third-largest society. It currently has four, and wants to slim down to two. Premises inherited from the Propertyowners Building So-ciety in Cavendish Place, central London, are also to be disposed of. The boardroom in the society's own headquar-ters and the T&C's old headquarters in The Strand will be

After the peace ...

MORE missives from the season of good cheer: TML, the consortium now completing the Channel tunnel for Eurotunnel, sent a Christmas card to its client with the message: "Wishing you a world of peace". Shortly afterwards, the consortium announced that long-running negotiations with the client had broken down, and the two are now at

with the truth" as they were said (in the Annual Report) to MEANWHILE Eurotunnel. have thought it "essential to continuing its admirable concentrate on and maintain practice of adopting a non-fes-tive theme for its Christmas liquidity" and then proceeded to recommend the scheme to card, has sponsored a compe shareholders which entailed taking £100 millions out of the tition for young graphic de-signers in Kent under the business. Has it previously banner "Britain's closer links happened that a board who with continental Europe" and has used one of the winning have so dramatically lost the entries. The result, a stylised confidence of shareholders map of Europe, places Spain have sought to carry on as directly south of England, Itathough happened? ly to Spain's south west, and France to the south east, with Amstrad needs more than Folkestone, therefore, cut off from Calais by the whole of two non-executive directors. and one other executive be-

Spain. Which might explain at least some of the delays the Channel tunnel has suffered. DEBRA ISAAC | product development and sell-

Insurers should find solution to losses from terrorism

From Mr John Oscroft

Sir, For some years now I have read with some disdain how British industry has been looking to the government to solve its problems.

I was, therefore, very disap-

pointed to read that the insurance business, from which I recently retired, is now on the

This is not the stuff of which the London market was made

Amstrad needs

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From Mr Edward F.

to continue in office.

Sir, It almost passes belief that the executive directors of

Amstrad, whose credibility

has been shattered in recent

weeks, culminating with the

shareholders voting 3-2

against their recommenda-

tion, are apparently intending

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and which, rightly, earned it such a leading position in the

insurance world. Surely, it is not beyond the wit of all the insurance brains in London to resolve the situation?

One could envisage a pooling arrangement at the lower levels coupled with some form of excess loss reinsurance at the higher levels: this could be on an aggregate or per risk

decided, it should be possible to bring in the financial reinsurance market to provide

ing which he can do superbly well. Shareholders want signs of confidence, and they want them not only for themselves but also for the staff and Yours faithfully, EDWARD NORTHCOTE,

Too much Sugar

38 Westmore Court.

Carlton Drive,

From Ms Janice Wardell Sir. I do not count myself as one of your more avid readers, but on my daily trudge through your pages to reach the Arts Section, there are some items which inevitably catch my eye. I am sure no one can have failed to notice the seemingly endless photo-graphs of Mr Alan Sugar in the past few weeks — hardly a day goes by without one.

I am in no doubt that he is a worthy man, but surely we know what he looks like by

Is there to be no respite, or has he some devoted fan amongst your staff? Yours faithfully. JANICE WARDELL 26 Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel, Langport

deliver newspapers whingeing about the prob-lems of the London market From Mr Chris Philip and remember the old adage:

There is no such thing as a

business problem only a busi-

Yours faithfully,

Downe Road,

Jobs swap

From Mr M. J. Dawson

Sir, Sir James McKinnon

seems notably successful in forcing British Gas to cut

prices to private and industrial

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Yours faithfully

M. J. DAWSON,

South Humberside

JOHN OSCROFT.

Sir, Mr Gardener's submissions to the Monopolies and Merger Commission (Letters, ness opportunity."

Gentlemen, sharpen your pencils, get out your calculators and get off your backsides! December 9) regarding the newspaper distribution cartel does not, I am afaid, help those of us who cannot easily

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obtain papers.
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However, such people are visited nearly every day by the postman.

Why therefore are newspaper publishers so reluctant to make an arrangement with the Post Office to enable potential readers in rural areas to obtain newspapers? Yours faithfully CHRIS PHILIP,

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Sonic Youth, role models for the current wave of 'grunge' bands, play Brixton Academy

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Jack Gibbons is recreating the piano improvisations of George Gershwin



The power behind the scenes

THEATRE: Andy Lavender talks to Bob Crowley, designer of a new RSC Hamlet which opens at the Barbican on Friday

hink of Hamlet and the obvious names spring to mind: Garrick, Irving, Olivier, more recently Derek Jacobi, Daniel Day Lewis and now Kenneth Branagh in Adrian Noble's Royal Shakespeare Company production. You might also think of directors from Stanislavsky to Zeffirelli, who have engaged to various degrees with the play. You are unlikely to think of theatre designers.

When the curtain goes up on the RSC's Hamlet, however, it will reveal the settings of Bob Crowley, one of the most eminent designers in British theatre. Crowley has tackled Shakespeare in the past, designing most recently Henry IV Parts 1 and 2 for

Parts 1 and 2 for the RSC, and the With Hamlet, renowned National Theatre prowhat you don't duction Richard III, which do is strive to was given overtones of 1930s English military be original' fascism. He is one of the few design-

ers who seems comfortable with London's major stages, perhaps because he refrains from simply filling them with sets.
"Naturalism is what television seems to supply into our lives, be it for good or bad," he says. "Theare is different. I like to go to the theatre to see something that I don't see

This has led him towards a form of visual poetry, conscious of the emotional reverberations of shape and colour. Crowley's designs can be quite beautiful to look at, but he insists that "everything has a reason" and responds directly to the text. He proved that his style could elevate contemporary plays when he designed David Hare's "state of Establishment England" dramas, Racing Demon and Murmuring Judges, for the National Theatre. The latter, to my mind, was the best use of the demanding Olivier stage that I have seen. He has been especially busy of late, working on Carousel (which opened last week

at the National) and now Hamlet. It has long been recognised that designers are not merely draughtsmen. But talking to Crowley one realises how decisive their contribution can be. Hamlet, he admits, is a challenge of some size. The designer must wrestle with a context both

funereal and festive, and give shape to a play which seems concerned more with psychology and power than with place. To complicate matters, it comes laden with the baggage that generally accompanies Shakespeare's best-known

plays. How to jettison this?

"It's really hard," Crowley muses.
He is calm and engaging, with a slight lift of irony in his voice.

"What you don't do is strive to be original, because it seems to me, that way madness lies."

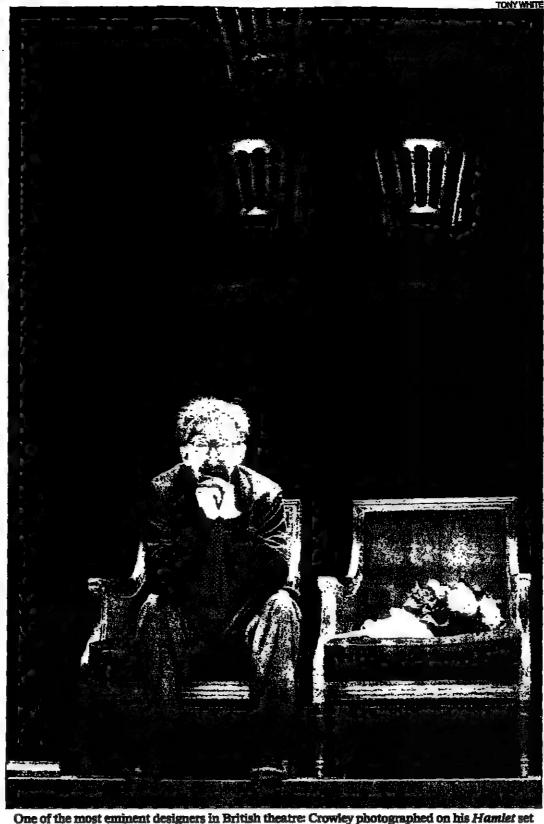
Crowley's unoriginal approach, then, is to see Hamlet "almost like a symphony in three movements". He elaborates: "There is the grieving for the death of the father, and

the first turning point is where father's ghost. The second is the arrival of the players. He seems to be completely dissipated up to then. The very act of theatre animates him: the play scene itself is extended into a

much larger metaphor, so I've created a theatre within a theatre, which then stays with us through the scene with the mother in her bedroom. Then Claudius decides to clean the siate of Hamlet's act, and what you are left with after Hamlet's return from England is a landscape of grief. By the end the whole stage is a huge graveyard, not literally with tombstones, but just dead flowers everywhere."

Colour plays a key role in Crowley's aesthetic. "It is the most emotive element one has at one's disposai," he observes. "I'm acually using colour in Hamlet quite vividly, because the play is usually all black. Ophelia, for instance, wears liquid blues and greens. linked to her love of nature and the fact that she drowns. But you have to rein in the use of colour. With Shakespeare the colour is in the language a lot of the time."

This returns us to the more traditional notion that the play hinges on the actor's interpretation of the playwright's verse. Hamlet has nevertheless drawn notable work this century from other theatre artists. The influential designer Edward Gordon Craig staged a production in 1912 for Stanislavsky's Moscow Aris Theatre,



One of the most eminent designers in British theatre: Crowley photographed on his Hamlet set

whose sets were entirely composed of large white screens. Despite variously damning reports, in the words of one critic Craig was able to evoke almost any sensation of time or space, the scenes even in themselves suggesting variations of human emotion".

It has fallen to film to exploit other variations. Laurence Olivier's 1948 production bolts a cinematic melodrama — swirling mists and Walton's swirling music — to the clipped theatricality of the starring central performance.

Certainly some of the solutions to the play's challenges have been found in the actor rather than the setting. I still remember the pa-nache of Richard Eyre's production at the Royal Court more than a loadly," he argues, "and a lot of

decade ago, in which Jonathan Pryce as Hamlet also played the ghost, his voice seemingly issuing as some pain-dredged croak from Hamiet's stomach. When Eyre directed the play again a couple of years ago at the National Theatre, John Gunter's design made Hamlet's father more concrete in the form of a huge statue, so that the shadow of the patriarch loomed

large over the entire proceedings. Arguments about interpretative licence have receded of late: There is anyway a good deal of scope with Shakespeare's plays, so ambivalent is their content, and Crowley wishes this were true of more contempo-

them are straitjacketed by the world their plays inhabit. I wish they'd take on a larger landscape. I can't think of a single play that I have read in the last six months that has anything to do with the transforming power of theatre."

You might expect this from a designer who refuses to be "literal", and who has made his name not merely with a visual theatre, but one which engages the mind's eye.
"I'd like to think that the design concept behind Hamlet will open up windows," says Crowley, "that it will not complete the equation and that it is ultimately ambiguous. I hate things to be explained visualiy."

● Hamlet is in preview at the Barbican (071-638 8891) and opens on Friday

Have a flutter to stop the rot

Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts Council, argues that profits from the lottery announced today could save crumbling theatres

he government bill propos-ing a national lottery to generate money for good causes is due to be published today. In the arts, it is greatly needed. The reason is simple. In 1989 Richard Wilding concluded in his report on arts funding that what the arts needed most in the 1990s was capital for building. Arts Council funding for the arts is almost exclusively for revenue costs: helping artists and arts organ-isations, already run on a shoestring, make art. We spread the money thinly as it is, and there is little left over for capital needs. Yet anyone who has looked round a number of arts buildings will know

in what appalling states of repair many exist. The national lottery is the first proposal which could help solve this mounting problem.

One can find examples

of need everywhere. The Old Vic in Bristol is a case in point. It is a wonderful theatre: two Grade I listed 18th-century buildings, comprising the oldest working auditorium in Britain, and an earlier 18th-century building at the front of the house. These are linked by a building put up in 1972. It is one of our nation's flagship the atres and needs £3 million worth of work. The new section of the building has never had any significant maintenance. A welcome grant of £175,000 from the Theatres Restoration Trust has been secured. But

more will be needed.

The theatre needs a new fire alarm system and the upgrading of fire protection equipment. The electrical wiring badly needs renewing; indeed, in the new building it was only ever partially completed. When it rains, the staff use buckets. But they can't use buckets to protect the 18th-century beams from water penetration. And the 1972 roofs are in even worse condition.

These are only simple jobs of repair. Much of the front of house for audiences was put up in 1972 and has not been changed. How many shop fronts now exist from the 1970s? Theatres have to attract

audiences too. Then there is the question of new provision. Welsh National Opera, one of our most innovative opera companies with an international reputation for excellence, has no home base. There are plans for a new opera house in Cardiff. Lottery Similarly, there is no exhibition space outside London which is large enough to accommodate the major touring art exhibitions which have so enlivened life in the capital, and attracted such substantial audiences. Why should only people in London enjoy them? One key aspiration for those working in the arts is that as many people as possible should have access to the best. Lottery money could help enrich more people's lives, if spread

wisely.
What warnings must be entered? The first is that lottery money must be regarded as additional funds for the arts. It must not replace existing funding. The government has said this in the White Paper



Everitt: "What the arts need most in the 1990s is capital for building"

and repeatedly since. We have long argued that one way of doing this would be to ensure that lottery money is used for one-off projects.

The second warning is that good causes - arts, sport, beritage, charities - really must benefit, and be seen to benefit. The lottery White Paper earmarked a third of the lottery turnover for the good cause. Half will have to go on prizes for the lottery to succeed and 12 to 15 per cent for administration, leaving a large argument over tax. The needs of the arts world are well established. Let us hope that the lottery raises sufficient funds to satisfy

In addition, if the public perceive that the lottery is being used as a form of indirect taxation, they won't buy tickets. It would be a thousand pities if this brave venture did not get off to the best possible start - to work for the common money could help that happen. good.

Michael Wright examines the strangely fascinating phenomenon of the child actor

Talents with a long way to grow

hat is it with child actors?
Whether we are cohing and ashing Johnny playing third shepherd in the school Nativity Play, hooting at the antics of Macaulay Culkin, or hiding behind the sofa during a television rerun of an early Bonnie Langford vehicle, the cute little brats exert a strange fascination.

We groan every time The Sound of Music comes up on telly, yet still we sit and watch the damn thing. Films like Home Alone continue to coin it at the box-office. And on a smaller scale at the Lloyd's Bank Theatre Challenge recently, both the Olivier and Cottesloe theatres were packed nightly for the showcase of young talent thrown up in the course of the competition.

There is nothing new in this. A scene in Hamlet hints at Shakespeare's impatience with the novelty troupes of child actors who were poaching custom from the "common stages" of his time - although he himself employed boys to play the women's parts in his plays. Dickens satirises Victorian child actors in Nicholas Nickleby, with a description of the (decidedly past-it) "Infant Phenomenon" performing with Vincent Crummles's theare

company. And back in 1805, the 12-yearold actor William Betty became the toast of Regency England, thrilling audiences with his Romeo, wowing them with his Hamlet Royalty couried him, and the House of Commons was specifically adjourned by William Pitt the Younger so that MPs could catch one of his performances.

So Benny Grant (13) and Ross McCall (16), presently starring alongside Maureen Lipman in Neil Simon's Lost in Yonkers, are following in a grand, if slightly



Neil Simon's Lost in Yonkers: Benny Grant (13) and Ross McCall (16) star with Maureen Lipman

dubious tradition. Lipman plays Bella, the boys' mentally-retarded aunt in the show, and is unrepentant about disregarding the oldest piece of theatrical wisdom in the book never act with animals or with children. "It's been a learning experience. The boys are fearless; they have none of the problems grown-ups have with up-anddowns of herves."

She is unstinting in her praise. "Benny is probably the greatest pro I've ever worked with; he's ostensibly 13, but in actual fact he's been here for several incarnations. He has a sort of European profundity, and I am actually deeply in love with him. And Ross is a real actor in the sense that he almost takes everything very casually and doesn't seem to let what he's doing get to him. But actually he's rather more sensitive than 90 per cent of the actors I've worked with."

show, the boys come across almost like a fledgling incarnation of Laurel and Hardy, with (little brother) Benny looking sleek, squat and self-assured as he pads about the stage in his plus-twos, while (big brother) Ross shambles in his wake, looking altogether more rumpled, gangly and vulnerable. It is a winning, often hilarious,

oth boys are well aware of B the alarming tendency of child actors to burn out and vanish. William Betty's parliamentadjourning career was almost over after just a year at the top, and he retired into complete obscurity at the age of 14. For every Judy Garland, Jodie Foster or Bonnie Langford who makes the transition into starry adulthood, there are a dozen - Mark Lester (star of

On stage together for most of the Oliver), Dominic Guard (The Go-Between) or Terry Brooks (the original "Milky Bar Kid") - who

Ross observes that "If you let a good part, good reviews and lots of publicity go to your head, you'll start gening put down." Benny agrees. "The thing about actors is that you don't want to 'boom' right away. It's never just a question of talent; the people who are going to make good are the ones who keep their heads screwed on."

That is the point. Child actors will ever inhabit a narrow territory between the appealingly pretocious and the appallingly precious. But it is temperament as much as talent that marks the difference between slumping into the past and clambering into the future.

● Lost in Yonkers continues at the Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (07)-

Cliff falls and Whitney rises in the great yuletide stakes

WHITNEY Houston's "I Will Always Love You" looks certain to be the Christmas No 1 in the singles chart. Ladbrokes bave closed the book ever since last Friday, when one of the last bets taken was a £1,000 wager at 3-1, while William Hill are now offering unfeasibly short odds of 1/7 on. The only other song still in the frame is Michael Jackson's "Heal The World" at 4/1. Cliff Richard, erstwhile monarch of yuletide cheer, is dethroned this year. Houston's record has been No 1 for three weeks and has already sold 700,000 copies, making it the biggest selling single of 1992.

 DEBORAH Warner is the latest theatre director to succumb to the ture of the opera bouse. The National Theatre director will make her debut on the lyric stage in Leeds with Opera North next May. But for her entry into operatic life she has picked an opera with strong associations with the "straight theatre": Alban Berg's Wozzeck, which is based on Georg Büchner's 1837 drama.

Two-way traffic

NATASHA Richardson is making her Broadway debut this month, starring in Eugene O'Neill's Anna Christie, the story of the reconcilia-tion between a long-lost daughter and her sailor father. Richardson will be repeating her award-winning London performance in the title role - her 1990 Young Vic portrayal won her the London Theatre Critics Best Stage Actress award - but she will undoubtedly be hoping not to repeat the experience of Liv Ullmann, who starred in the play's last Broadway revival, a failure in 1977.

Another Broadway first comes in



April with the premiere of New York dramatist Tony Kushner's Angels in America — the first part of which was a big hit at the National Theatre recently, winning the top Evening Standard Drama Award last month. Angels in America is set to open on April 25 at New York's Walter Kerr Theatre, directed by George C. Wolfe. The announcement ends intense bidding for the play, which has been the most hotly fought over serious drama to reach Broadway in years. Meanwhile, the National is plan-

ning to bring back Angels in America in repertory in the autumn, directed by Declan Donnellan, together with its sequel, entitled Perestroika, which



Houston: "I Will Always Love

· MOST of the critics may have had their doubts, but the public are determined to make Tales of Beatrix Potter one of the biggest hits the Royal Ballet has had in years. Owing to what Covent Garden describes as "overwhelming popular demand", two extra matinee performances of Sir Frederick Ashton's fluffy-animals-atplay ballet, originally choreo-graphed as a film, have been scheduled for December 31 and January 6, both at 2.30pm.

The extra performances will be staged on their own, instead of in a double bill with The Dream as the other Tales of Beatrix Potter are. Covent Garden's famously high seat prices have been reduced accordingly — they now range from £1.30 to £31, with half-price

Last chance ...

THE name of Curtis Stigers. unknown in Britain at the start of 1992, is currently appearing next to "house full" signs all over the country, while his version of "(What's So Funny Bont) Peace Love and Understanding" is the best track on the high-flying origi-nal soundtrack to Whitney Houston's film The Bodyguard.

Clearly an immense talent, the classically-trained singer, songwriter and saxophonist from Boise, Idaho is blessed with boy-next-door charm and a blue-eyed soul voice as big as his biceps. Marvel as he flexes the lot at Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0902 312030) tomorrow: BIC, Bouremouth (0202 297297) on Friday; and Brighton Centre (0273 202881) Saturday.

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THE ADVENTURES OF MR BROUCEK: Janáček's como opera is arrouvelle variables is comic opera a given a new staging by English National Opera, produced and with a new translation by David Pountney— his final new production as the company's director of productions. Sir Charles Mackenas conducts, the cast includes graham Clark as the turous Mr Brouček, Vivian Tiernev and Boneversura Bottone. Colliseum, St Manin's Lane, WC2 (971-836 3161), 7 30pm.

ORCHESTRE REVOLUTIONINAIRE conducts his crohestra in Beethow Symphonics Nov 7 and 8, and the Condan contract Concian overture,* Washininster Central Hall, Storey:

BOB WILBER'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES: The edectic New York swophonist gets in the leative mood with Scotsman and fellow Sidney Bed pupi, Tommy Whittle (ranght) Dave Clift (tomorrow), and band leador Humphrey Lytteton (Fn). More guests are being lined up for the weekend. Pizza Express, Dean Street, W1 (071-437 9595), Wed-Sun, 7 45pm.

MESSIAH BY CANDLELIGHT: JOY MESSIAM BY CARDILLEANT SUB-Lubbock conducts the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square with soldists Cara O'Suffivan, Orthenne Carms, Howard Miner and Karl Morgan Deymond. St John's, Smith Square, London SWI (071-222 1061) 7 30pm

THE DREAM/TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER: Two works by Sir Frederick Ashton make up this Royal Ballet double bill. The Dream is a designibilit and

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☐ HAY FEVER: Very hirmy performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thure, Set, 3pm, 150mms, ES 17 PROPER IN THE PARILY: Lorks IN

he hospital common norn, metron outraged; doctors furminosed. Ray Cooney larce with lots of laught Pleyhouse, Northumbertand Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Frt, Sprin, Sat, 8.30pm, male Thurs, 3pm, Set, 6.30pm.

BJ AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Area Cartesia, Florench Gostion and Martin Shaw in Wide's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some deted assumptions bu stylishly done, Gliobe, Shaflasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, 8at, 4pm. 166mins I KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN

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NEW RELEASES

ELENYA (PG): Simple, direct werkme tale of a Welsh ght and an injured by director Steve Gough; subtle child performence by Pascale Deletouge performence by Pascale Jonesi, Remoir (071-827 8402).

→ HOME ALONE 2: LOUT IN NITW YORK (PG): More of the same, with extra cruckly and a horrid new streak of atmamentality. With Macaulay Culiun, Joe Pesc. Daniel Starn. Director, Chris

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THACES OF RED (15) Sex, murder and corruption in Palm Beach. Ferocously dult thriller with James Bolushi, Lovaine Bracco Director, Andy

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SLADE RUNNIER (15). The improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

poetic destillation of Shakespeere's A Midsummer Night's Oream , Beatra Potter was a popular 1971 film, here being given as first live performances in Royal Opera House, Covent Gerden, WC2 (071-240 1068), 7.30pm.

JEAN NOUVEL: Springing to fame in the early Eighbes with the unveiling of his institut du Monde Araba in Paris. strength with such wildly execute buildings in progress as Lyon Opera House and Tours Conference Centre both due to open next year, and even madder projects such as a housing scheme shaped like twen open liners. This show has been designed by black disconting. ICA, The Mall, SW1 (071-830 3647).

9pm, opens today until Feb 14 THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Peter Hall directs Judi Dench and Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's latest. revenge and/or justice in modern times with an echo of Ancient Greece The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Opens torught, 7pm, then in repertory. REGIONAL

BURMINGHAM: Heien Bosendali plays begundul, tragic Lady leabel

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me-ma uraser Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sal, 5.30pm, 120mins.

SI OUR SOMG: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopeusal mate's internation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the

rean's point of view Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8 15pm, Sal, 8pm and 8.45pm, 135mms.

CJ PYGAMALTON: Alan Howard, Frances Burber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others leef subordinates the text to

a clever design. Nutlengal (Officier), South Bank, SE1 (071-938 2252) Tongol, 7, 15pm.

☐ RADIO TIMES: Tony Statlery #1 ≥

LI MAUNO THREES: Tony Statlery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in writing Broadcestry Lane, set in with sprightly Noel Gay numbers. Queen's, Shattesbury Avenue, WI (071-494 5040) Mon-Fin, 7.30pm, Set, 8pm, mais Thure, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm. 150mms

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Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

B THIRE BERDS ALISHTIMS ON A FIELD: Harris Water period again in revival of this subtle, come state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummating art-proce. Royal Court, Sloans Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Sat, Arm. 18 (1978).

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ROCK: David Sinclair on a band who inspired the current wave of grunge extremists

Noise has kept its youth appeal

AS PIONEERS of the "is it art or is it noise?", anti-everything brigade, Sonic Youth have been the radical darlings of American rock since recording their debut album in 1981. But although revered by the critics, their rather selfconscious quest for the cutting edge has steered them away from mainstream acceptance, a situation which their signing to a major international label (Geffen) in 1990 was designed to

Unfortunately, since then the ground has opened beneath their feet thanks to the sudden, noisy arrival (on the same label) of Nirvana and the grunge revolution. Although a key influence on the grunge extremists, Sonic Youth have been overtaken at a stroke and left floundering in their wake. The decision to recruit Butch Vig and Andy Wallace, the production team responsible for Nirvana's Nevermind album, to shape the latest Sonic Youth album, Diny, was a clear case of if you can't beat them, join

Similarly, in performance, Sonic Youth have been forced to sharpen up the structure of their act and focus more clearly on the job in hand, no bad thing gived the indulgent tendencies which have characterised their shows in the past. At Brixton they started off with a quick shot of noise - guitarist Lee Ranaldo sawing away at his strings with what looked like a blunt hacksaw - then got straight down to tightlyscripted arrangements of "Shoot" and 100%", both from Dirty.

Although the overall volume level was disappointingly mild, the songs were still garnished with great welts of feedback noise, while spirals of colour **Brixton Academy**

swirled restlessly on a screen behind. Vocals were shared for the most part between guitarist Thurston Moore who must be well into his thirties by now but still cultivates the look of a slightly gauche college student - and bassist Kim Gordon who, with her lank blonde hair and no-nonsense mannerisms, has provided a powerful role model for the new breed of female rock performers. She spat out the words to "Swimsuit Issue" (an antisexual harrassment song) with real

("Drunken Butterfly"), anti-Fascist ("Youth Against Fascism") and so forth, and many of them were readily accessible tunes, notably "Sugar Kane" (Marilyn Monroe's name for registering in hotels, this one dedicated to Princess Di).

But as always with Sonic Youth it

was the weird and wonderful noises of the guitars which the people had really come to hear. The best bit was when Moore wedged two drumsticks be-tween his strings and frethoard then proceeded to heat the bridge of the guitar with a third, while Ranaldo simultaneously jammed a screwdriver into his freeboard and began a random process of tuning and detuning until more of his strings were broken than not. Great convulsions of noise washed across the beat, an effect akin to that of the spaceship in Alien, landing on the hostile planet amid lashings of wind



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Kim Gordon: a role model for the new breed of female rock performers

DANCE: John Percival hails an impressive short work from a British choreographer neglected for too long

Kim Miller and Matz Skoog dancing in Carter's Witchboy

HANDEL'S Messiah is possibly the

most durable choral masterpiece in the

repertory and it will undoubtedly

survive the mauling it received at the hands of the London Philharmonic

under Franz Weiser-Möst on Monday

(repeated yesterday). But when the lifeless, hopelessly wayward first chords

of the overture sounded, my heart

sank, knowing that three hours of

The orchestra was rightly trimmed

down in size. Ten first and ten second

violins is not an unreasonable number

for a room such as the Festival Hall.

But six cellos and four double basses

are too many to accompany solo arias,

especially when they chug along relent-lessly, with little regard for anyone else. The blame lay with the conductor, who

showed not an iota of empathy for the

Handelian style from first note to last,

acute discomfort were to follow.

Melodrama casts a powerful spell

THE mixed bill which London City Bailet brought into its Sadler's Wells repertoire on Monday must be the best programme of short ballets the company has given in its 14-year history. It begins and ends with the two attractive works by Balanchine and Ashton on which I reported from LCB's tour earlier in the year. Between these is now sandwiched a really strong melodrama by a British choreographer who has been too long neglected: Jack Carter's Witchboy.

Based on the American ballad of Barbara Allen, this tells of a girl who falls in love with a beautiful but strange creature who turns out to be the embodiment of evil. Both of them meet a violent death but the ballet ends with the unexpected rebirth of the Witchboy

 purity is lost, sin lives on. Carter, unable to find work in his own country, made Witchboy in Holreturn home the next year with a revival for London Festival Ballet, for whom it brought such success for so Conjurman, whipping away his cloak

Witchboy Sadier's Wells

long that it is surprising they let it pass to another company. May this new production (sponsored by Bankers Trust Company) do as much for LCB. Readers with long memories will not expect to see again a match for John

Gilpin's uncanny perfection and cruelty in the title role, but Matz Skoog has the right feel for the part (and look out for Stephen Jefferies as guest at two performances next week). Kim Miller makes a tormented figure of Barbara Allen; it is a pity her red wig is less becoming than the one Anita Landa

wore all those years ago. The revival is strongest at present in the robust vigour of the hoe-down in the village store; more dramatic scenes, land in 1956. It proved his passport to including Graham Rowe as the preacher inciting a lynching, and Terry Hayworth's crucial timing as the

to reveal the Witchboy, could do with some sharpening. But the right elements are in place for development. helped by Leonard Salzedo's highly theatrical score and Norman McDowell's imaginative original setting. where bare crosses serve equally well as a timbered interior or a dark forest.

Balanchine's Donizetti Variations, never before seen in London I believe. shows the master in playful mood with swift, light dances for a leading couple and an ensemble of nine soloists. It is a mark of how much LCB has improved lately that the dancers can do this demanding choreography at all, let alone do it so well.

Les Patineurs comes off, if anything. even better, with Jack Wyngaard as a neat, witty virtuoso skater. Nadia Thompson giving as assured a series of fouettés as we have seen in a long time, and the whole cast responding to Constant Lambert's inspired selection of music by Meyerbeer and Ashton's mixture of brilliance, humour and romance.

CONCERT: Messiah gets an unidiomatic mauling

A shaky grasp of Handel

Lightness and speed may have been his aims, but his flabby rhythms and unstyl-

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ish phrasing (that for "O Thou That

Tellest" was positively bizarre) robbed number after number of any real A frequent bad habit was to begin a chorus with sentimentally floated vocal lines, to be contrasted with a fortissimo

outburst later on. Such a maltreatment

of Baroque textures was compounded by absurd little diminuendi and other

over-elaborate details which smacked

Festival Hali Möst's direction, neither the orchestra

nor the London Philharmonic Choir sounded in command of the style, or even of the notes. Unfortunately, with one exception, the soloists did little to redeem matters. Anyone can split their first note, but

work.

Gregory Yurisich went on to rattle his vocal cords most alarmingly at the semiquavers of "And I will shake". On the opera stage. Yurisich has given

intense portrayals of such characters as William Tell, and he seemed determined to bring the same fire to Handel's altogether different idiom. Indeed, his extraordinary stretching of vowels in semiguaver runs, which suggested not so much articulation as of "ideas" artificially yodelling, made one wonder whether grafted on to the he thought he was back in the Swiss mountains. Under Welser-

The alto part lay uneasily on the break for the mezzo Bernarda Fink. and neither she nor the soprano. Felicity Lott, sang with genuine feeling for the flow of the vocal lines. The shining exception was the ever-reliable John Mark Ainsley, who (along with Alastair Ross at the harpsichord) alone showed any understanding of, or affection for, the Handelian style.

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THEATRE: West End and Fringe productions reviewed by Benedict Nightingale and Jeremy Kingston

Romantic hero proves elusive

s Max Beerbohm re-marked when the character hit London in 1900, and Kenneth Tynan re-peated when Ralph Richardson bumbled through the part 46 years later, Cyrano is not a hero well suited to British actors. Our boys tend to compartmentalise what Rostand calls "panache". There are some, Derek Jacobi and Edward Petherbridge for instance, who it has been a lot easier to imagine composing vicarious love letters to Roxane than singlehandedly moving down 100 ferocious brigands. There have been others, most recently the Scots actor Tom Mannion, of whom the very opposite has been true When in the desired to the state of the state osite has been true. What is wanted is a Gielgudy sort of Finney or a Richard Burtony kind of Ian McKellen: not a grafting often found this side of the Charnel.

Yet that is to forget what the latest producers of Rostand's gorgeously preposterous romance have not forgotten: the existence of Robert Lindsay. He is a robust yet subtle actor, and would seem well quali-fied to reconcile Cyrano the sonne-teer with Cyrano the soldier.

And the first sight of his nose, always a key indicator, is encouraging. As I recall, Jacobi, Petherbridge and Keith Michell sported hooters no more offputting than the miniaturised ski-runs they resembled. On the other hand, a weird, pushular blend of bagpipe, haggis and caber dangled from the centre of Mannion's ferocious face at this year's Edinburgh Festival. Lindsay's schnozie is somewhere to between a parallel of the ferometric between the second of the se in between: an amalgam of English parsup and French loaf, with a

hint of parror's beak at the top.
But he has yet to achieve the same happy fusion in his performance as a whole. Perhaps I was

Cyrano de Bergerac Theatre Royal Haymarket

wrong to prepare myself for Elijah Moshinsky's production by dip-ping into reviews of Coquelin, who created the role in France. Beerbohm thought him supreme in the more comic, debonair aspects, and the excellent C.E. Montague said Coquelin sped over even stiff-seeming lines with such "colour, diversity, warmth and colloquial quickness" that hearers thought Rostand's words were "what hu-man speech in its longing for heightened expression at crises of feeling had really been groping for until now". Well, Lindsay has far to go before he finds that force,

variety, dash and parache.

It is not altogether his fault. A problem with voice on opening night gave several of his lines a hoarse, staccato sound that should have sent Roxane running for her smelling salts when she heard them barking up from beneath her balcony. John Wells's translation—
though brisk, speakable and sometimes eloquent—cannot disguise
the sad truth that English is a less
sexy language than French. And
Moshinsky's production opts for
clutter, making it more difficult for
the man at the centra to shimmer

the man at the centre to shimmer. The first act is a particular problem. Moshinsky creates the bustle and hum of life in the Paris theatre where it occurs, but the bustle in as cramped a space as he chooses means that the poem Cyrano improvises as he fights a duel has become all but incomprehensible. The pressure eases as the action moves to the bakery where

has been heavily cut, but no.

his fellow Gascons gather, from there to the square where Stella Gonet's creamy, dreamy Rozane lives, and then on to the battlefield ruins amid which her beloved Christian expires. Yet I kept won-dering if simpler decor than Michael Yeargan has provided, and a clearer stage, might have added to the intensity and impact. Lindsay has his moments, all

right. When the part calls for selfmockery, as it often does, he has the wry humour to answer it. There is tenderness and, at times, pain in his voice when he woos his adored Roxane in the guise of Gary Cady's big, dumb Christian. The words "I love you, I am mad, exhausted, torn to shreds" and "I would give up any to streets" and "I would give up any happiness to make you happines, even if you never knew" are recognisably those of a man forcing himself to sacrifice his feelings for others. But Lindsay's is a half-and-half performance: half lover and half roughneck, but not quite electric enough as either, let alone both at once. both at once.

The result is a pleasant rather than a riveting evening; and one that, as a veteran viewer of Cyranos. I suspect I shall recall for an odd reason. De Guiche is the hero's foe, the Gascons' scourge, and the least wanted of Rozane's suitors, and for most of the evening Julian Glover does not make him particularly interesting. But towards the end he appears to tell the grieving Rozane of his regrets and self-contempt. "I feel uneasy in my skin". For some reason Glover's quiet confession moved me more, much more than Cyrano's characteristically self-denying death, which followed just afterwards. That means, of course, something is wrong with the pro-duction. It also means something is



A seeker after panache: Robert Lindsay as Rostand's hero, Cyrano. Drawing by Bill Hewison

top form Pinchy Kobi and the Seven Duppies ere is a cracking good show for Christmas, marvellously mad, remotely based on the story of Scrooge and acted with highoctane zest by the eight black actors of The Posse. They banded together last year to showcase talents not being fully extended in television

roles: Armed and Dangerous roles: Armea and Dangerous
earned the company Arts Council
funding and will be on Channel 4
in the new year. Don't miss it, and
don't miss Pinchy Kobi either.
Pinchy is mean, rich, fat and
horrid to babies. He hires heavies norm to bacies. He thres heaves to force the rent from his tenants and holds "Baroness Handbag" to be the greatest woman in history. Eddie Nestor gives him a balefully jutting lower lip and a truculent righteousness fully justifying someone's description of him as "a manafter his own heart"

after his own heart".
On Christmas Eve a mysterious letter directs him to the site of treasure in one of his Soho properties where, it transpires, seven duppies (souls trapped in limbo) wait to be released if only they can melt that stony heart. Paulette Randall's direction splendidly or hearts the course insulation with chestrates the cast's inventive wit but never more so than when the duppies emerge, literally, from the furniture. Schiz (Victor Romero Evans) crawls from the TV set, half newscaster, half electrical circult. and schizoid from all the programmes that have passed through him. Sylvester Williams, appropriately costumed, slides out of the Regency wallpaper, Michael Buffong from the striped armchair. Roger Griffiths and Gary Mc

Donald are the bickering arms of a red sofa, and later become counsel for prosecution and defence ar Pinchy's trial. Brian Boveli is a statue and Robbie Gee steps from a portrait, wigged and codpieced.

Gentle persuasion fails. Kendra Ullyart's set opens out still further to accommodate parodies of game shows and adventure drama, climaxing with a re-run of Pinchy's farewell to his childhood sweetheart, yanking off the engagement ring so as to have something to remember her by. Only a dreadful vision of the future impels him to change, so that the duppies can depart wearing wings and halos. Superb teamwork and sparkling individual performances show The

JEREMY KINGSTON

Pioneer's stature confirmed twice over

eorg Büchner's reputation as the first modern playwright rests upon just two plays. Danton's Death is a philosophical study of the French revolutionary, and Woyzeck is a grim indicament of the Middle European social order, which he left unfinished at his death — at the age of 23 — in 1837. most prominent figures of the American avant-garde in the 1970s. Now they are both leading figures in the theatre establishment. Wilson is a sought-after of 23 - in 1837. director and eternal enfant terrible. Akalaitis has succeeded Joseph

The plays have been given hand-some and widely divergent new productions by two of the most important American theatre companies: Danton's Death at the and Wovzeck, in Henry Schmidts reconstructed version, at New York's Public Theatre. The productions' directors, Robert Wilson and Joanne Akalaitis, were two of the

Jamie James on striking American productions of Georg Büchner, 'the first modern playwright'

> modern audience could find its way to the piece through the thicket of Büchner's historical and literary

erties are all exquisitely wrought

references, now mostly obscure.

Which is not to say that this production does not abound in the Papp as director of the Public. This Houston production of Danton's Death is uncommonly satisfying. Wilson actually seems to bold, rich tableaux which are the trademark of Wilson's stagecraft. The rectangle of the stage shifts is content to let the piece play. rather than simply using it as a backdrop for another display of his with every scene, redefining space in strange and beautiful ways. own theatrical virtuosity. The text The furnishings and stage prop-

works of art: one of them, a bed for Marion, Danton's lover, was carved from a two-ton block of unveined Colorado marble. Wilson donated the piece to the Alley, which auctioned it off to help finance the production.

The principal drawback is the casting of the title role. Richard Thomas is known to most Americans as John-Boy, the sensitive adolescent in the 1970s serial The Waltons, and has nothing of the

mordant revolutionary about him. In an interview, Wilson said he chose Thomas "because he was all wrong for the part": amusing, but sometimes wrong is just wrong. While Robert Wilson's vision of

Büchner is a spare and severely formalised universe of ideas, Akaiaitis's production of Woyzeck creates a claustrophobic, moodily expressive world. Both visually and dramatically, she seems to have been influenced by German Expressionism, which resonates eerily with Büchner's fable about a simple-minded man, dehumanised by an abourd medical experiment.

Jesse Borrego is excellent in the title role, rushing around like a banshee, but he manages to make the role sympathetic. Marie is played by Shella Tousey, who takes her pose of disinterest too far, it is difficult to feel much interest in her

who murders his sluttish ex-lover.

murder scene is grisly, with great gobs of gore splanering about in a harsh light.

In Akalaitis's version, whey-faced people wander like zombies through a blasted cityscape. The

violent death. The folk elements are heavily emphasised, sometimes incongruously: the music, by Akalaitis's ex-husband, Philip Glass, uses elements of American country music and spirituals where polkas might have been more apt.

Posse to be a top-class team.

Jack Gibbons: Though he heard Rhapsody in Blue as a child, he grew up with the view that its composer was "risque"

HIS eyes glowing with the fervour of the true believer, the chief

executive in last night's Trouble-shooter 2 (BBC 2), said: "It's fast, it

can be destructive, but it works." He might have been selling a

missile system, but was explaining

why he had steered four Bradford

hospitals towards trust status.

Change, he explained, could al-

ways be brought about by "persua-sion". Better, though, "to fire an

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Not enough, as it turned out. The

trust's relationship with its main customer, the local health author-

ity, was in tatters, the senior staff

were up in arms about broken financial promises, and the hospi-

tals books looked increasingly

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what you can achieve".

By George, by way of Jack

f the concert pianist Jack Gibbons could be granted one wish, he knows exactly what he would choose to do - travel back in time to sit and listen to George Gershwin play for an evening. And rather than performing the whole of his repertoire. Gershwin would play the same piece — "Fascinating Rhythm", say — over and over, spinning new variations on the melody each time around.

Gershwin's talent for improvisation, already apparent in the years he spent as a seenager plugging other people's songs on Tin Pan Alley, later made him the toast of New York's salons. No society party was complete without him hunched over the keyboard for hours on end. Since then, amidst the revivals of stage works, atten-tion has inevitably shifted away from his planistic skills. Jack Gibbons's reproductions of Gershwin's ornate technique constitute one of the more unorthodox offshoots of

the "authentic" music movement. For the past three summers Gibbons has mounted successful all-Gershwin recitals at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. He has now embarked on a series of solo recordings. The Authentic George Gershwin, the first volume of which (released on the ASV label: CDWHL-2074) covers the years 1918-1925, from the first hit "Swance" to a version of the slow movement of the Concerto in F. The centrepiece, naturally, is Rhapsody in Blue adapted from the composer's own four-handed arrangement for piano roll. As he admits, Gibbons makes an

Clive Davis meets a British musician who

recreates Gershwin's piano improvisations

unlikely Gershwin scholar. A prodigiously gifted classical pianist, he made his London recital debut at 17 with a programme of pieces by Chopin's contemporary, Alkan, whose output includes some of the most technically demanding works in the repertoire. In 1982, at the age of 20. Gibbons won first prize at the Newport International (Pi-

anoforte) Competition.

Though he had heard Rhapsody in Blue as a child, he had grown up with the traditionalist view that its composer was somehow "risqué" and not worthy of serious attention. But a few years ago Gibbons heard a vintage recording of Gershwin improvising on his own songs.

Fascinated by the sheer virtuosity, Gibbons began transcribing the pieces and performed them at parties. Using them in concerts followed at a QEH recital in July 1990. After he played "Do, Do. Do" (from the 1926 show Oh, Kay!) the burst of applause told him he was on the right track.

The recital contained more than a dozen concert premieres of improvisations, taken from such songs as "Someone To Watch Over Me". Gibbons has continued to produce transcriptions and Gershwin's biographer, Edward Jablonski, has passed on newly discovered tunes

isn't the idea of copying an improvisation note for note almost a contradiction in terms? Gibbons thinks not. "A lot of pianists would think Well, why don't you just play them in your own style? But the thing is, these are almost little com-positions in themselves. They're very intricate."S'Wonderful", espe-cially, has so much going on inside

"After the first concerts I heard some comments in classical circles about the music being 'crude'. Since then I've been giving more explanations during performances, because people often aren't aware of the wealth of technical detail in the tunes."

Work has already begun on the second volume of recordings up to 1930, which will include the Three Preludes" and An American in Paris as well as more transcriptions of show tunes. A projected third album will cover the last seven years of Gershwin's life, and will also feature his piano roll improvisations on songs by such peers as Jerome Kern and Irving

As for Gibbons's career in "straight" music, that has not been totally neglected. He can in fact be heard, alongside the English Northem Philharmonia and mezzo soprano Sally Burgess, on an acclaimed recording of Constant Lambert's The Rio Grande, recently released on Hyperion.

Lambert was a confirmed Gershwin-basher. But who knows, Jack Gibbons's tireless efforts might just have won him over in the end.

RADIO REVIEW

High-flown infidelities, high and low fidelity

TOM Stoppard's play The Real Thing is a good choice for radio, since it is mainly glittering word-play. Where Radio 3's production (Sunday) went wrong was in not making absolutely clear from the start who was who among the two couples the play is about. With an exchange of partners going on, it was important to know.

The women's voices, in particular, were not sufficiently differentiated and the characters did not address each other by name often enough. This was a joint Radio 3/World Service production by Gordon House, and one wondered what overseas listeners were mak-

However, even when one wasn't sure who was talking, he or she was always talking well. Infidelity fol-lowed infidelity, and epigrams streamed in their wake. Henry, the playwright, and the actress Annie were the main source of these: "I have to choose who I hurt," Annie said to Henry, "and I choose you because I'm yours." That was the sort of love they all gave each other.

It was really a modern equivalent of a Restoration comedy, with a little more heart showing. There was also an important sub-plot about a young soldier who had been sent to prison for burning a wreath on the Cenotaph, and had writen a banal left-wing play that Annie wanted to see staged. That gave Henry (well played by Clive

Francis) scope for some of his most blistering remarks. "There's something scary about stupidity made coherent," he said, and went on to make quite a serious speech about what words can do: "If you get them right, you can nudge the world a little bit." It was an excellent evening's nudging, in spite of the initial confusion.

There were two programmes on Saturday afternoon about the death, now in progress, of the vinyl record, as CDs, cassettes and even more sophisticated formats sweep in. On Radio 2 Peter Jones, in The Album — In Memoriam, talked about the long-playing record.

This was a diffuse programme,

which spent a lot of time on the early history of sound recording and on nostalgic means from LP buyers. Its best point was all the songs about records that it had discovered, especially one swing number called "Jumping at the

Record Shop". Much better was John Peel's programme, Staying Single, on Radio 1. This stayed close to its subject, and brought out the distinctive appeal of the 45 rpm single. According to this programme, the singles boom began to fade with the arrival of the "concept album" - the long-playing record with inter-related songs on it. This was an affectionate essay in music history.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Matthew d'Ancona

Incisive but charming

mittee had already wagged a tetchy finger at the failings of the chief executive, who made a discreet exit. Enter Sir John Harvey-Jones, the trouble shooter.

With his long hair and whiskers, he looks more like a benign sorcerer than a Mr Fixit. There is a twinkle in his eye as he rakes through the ashes of business failure. He "pops in" to see companies and is "gobsmacked" by what they tell him. That is his talent speak softly and carry a hatchet. As one would expect from a

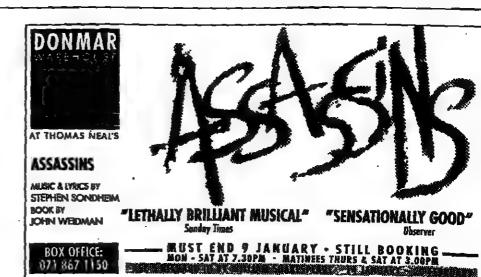
seasoned risk-taker, the troubleshooter was in no doubt that the health service reforms were necessary. But he was less impressed by the policy in action. "Neither fish nor fowl," Sir John grounbled of an institution awkwardly between the belplessness of state control and the vulnerability of the market.

Money, he discovered, was not following patients to the hospitals, thanks in part to the frosty relations between the trust and the health authority. Many thousands had been invested in high-tech equip-

ment but the hospitals' long-term prospects were being damaged by the restrictions on capital. Though wrapped in commercial language. the trust could not borrow like a

Sir John's diagnosis was as stark as his manner was jolly. In a chilling scene, he ate dinner with the new chief executive and the chairman and, in most related manner, tore their achievements to pieces: the accounting was wrong

and there were too many sites. The trust was advised to cut back. which is precisely what it did, hiring a new finance director and announcing plans to close three sites with the loss of 450 beds. Then, the trouble-shooter was on his merry way, in search of fresh targets for the next gental Exocet.



Awake to snap, crackle and pap

Melinda Wittstock looks at GMTV,

which takes

over from TV-am

in the new year

and promises a tabloid diet

at breakfast

ood morning, Britain. It's 6am. This is ITV, Roland Rat has gone, and although it may eem impossible to imagine, breakfast television is about to head even further downmarket.

GMTV, which takes over from TV-am in the new year as ITV's new purveyor of "snap, crackle and pap" breakfast fare, is not afraid to admit it: "Words like innovation, experiment, mission and agendasetting are OUT as far as we are concerned," says Lis Howell, GMTV's director of programmes. Breezy banter between brightly-

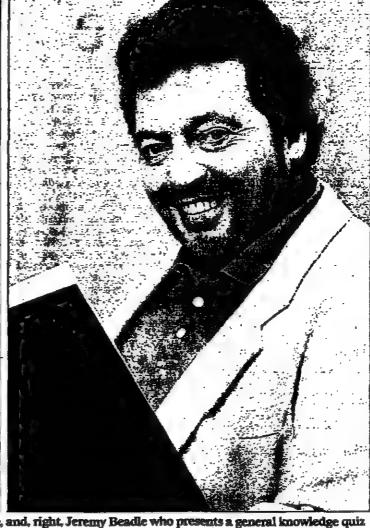
clad presenters perched on pastel sofas won TV-am a loyal audience of 2.5 million and made it one of the most profitable stations in the GMTV plans to continue where the station it ousted in last year's ITV blind-bid franchise auction

leaves off, with a "light and cheery" mix of quizzes, fitness tips, cartoons, news and some "lonely hearts" matchmaking aimed primarily at the millions of readers of tabloid

Linda Lusardi, the former Page Three girl, will be "knocking the British man into shape" with health and fitness tips in Healthy Hunks, while Jeremy Beadle offers viewers £100 prizes with Today's The Day, one of many "trivia" quizzes on the new GMTV.

Holiday Snaps will offer viewers a win-a-holiday competition with such intellect-testing questions as: "Where are the Maldives? Western Australia? The Indian Ocean? Or the Irish Sea?" Viewers can also write to Lorraine Kelly, the TV-am senter who takes over on GMTV at 8.50am with a magazine show aimed at women called Top of the Morning, for a "Hot Date". Despite news headlines read from around a mock-suburban

breakfast table every 15 minutes by



Taste of things to come: Kate Weston and Paul Zerdin, left, presenters of GMTV's Rise and Shine, and, right, Jeremy Beadle who presents a general knowledge quiz

Fiona Armstrong, the former News At Ten presenter, and Michael Wilson, former presenter of The City Programme, and half-hourly regional news bulletins supplied from 18 different ITV regions and sub-regions, extracts of GMTV rehearsals shown to the press look more downmarket than TV-am in its pre-franchise auction heyday.

ise little in the way of surprise for TV-am's audience, but unlike its predecessor, GMTV will be handicapped by staggeringly large payments to the Treasury, a crippling advertising recession and flerce competition for ratings and revenue from The Big Breakfast, Channel 4's anarchic early morning offering. GMTV, which faces an annual

bill of £34.6 million for its licence

plus a 15 per cent levy on its advertising rev-enue, will find it tough to attract enough viewers to avoid a further dedine in programme

GMTV has had to cut its already-tight budget by £8 million owing to a decline in advertising revenue projections, and advertising agencies now expect The Big Breakfast — which has confounded its critics with peak audiences five times larger at one million than its predecessor, Channel 4 Daily - to cost GMTV at least £4 million in lost income.

Many in the industry even question GMTV's long-term survival. Bruce Gyngell, TV-am's chief executive, predicts it will have gone this year Andrew Quinn, ITV's new

GMTV will be handicapped by staggeringly large payments to the Treasury

> chief executive, was quoted saying: "If Channel 4 can generate sufficient audiences then the underlying viability of the ITV breakfast franchise has to be in question."

> GMTV, jointly owned by LWT, Scottish, Carlton, Walt Disney and The Guardian, was originally banking on £78 million a year worth of advertising; many now think it will be hard-pressed to earn more than £60 million. At that rate, its Treasury payments alone will total 644 million, leaving little for programming after salaries and other overheads are paid.

Nonetheless, Chris-topher Stoddart, its chief executive, is as cheery about GM-TV's prospects as the presenters will appear to viewers each morning from 6am until 9.20am. "We're quite

bullish," he says. "We've got a brighter version of TV-am, with better pacing and tremendous chemistry between presenters."

And he reveals: "We've sold tens

of millions of pounds of advertising for 1993, including a substantial portion of January; we've attracted £11 million in sponsorship reve nue, and we will also be on air 15 per cent under budget.

He denies that the Big Breakfast antics of Bob Geldof, his wife Paula Yates in her boudoir, and wacky recently in The Guardian as a

s if my reputation were

not fierce enough al-

ready, I must confess

that I presently work for the

most hated British institution:

Yes, I write a weekly column

I am therefore prejudiced.

indeed, I have long had a soft spot for the tabloids. This is

not because I can defend their

every action. For example, I

found The People's attempt to

distinguish between someone

else recording telephone con-

versations between David Mellor and Miss de Sancha

and their using the tapes

I have serious objections to

invasions of royal or common-

er privacy whether by papa-

razzi or telephone capos. I

hate chequebook journalism.

though I recognise the prob-

lem of defining its limits. As

chief press secretary at No 10,

I often fell victim to tabloid

over-simplification, heroic in-

terpretation and even distor-

tion. Kelvin MacKenzie,

editor of The Sun, could be

hilariously crude — and cruel. But he and his tabloid

colleagues are refreshingly un-complicated, if not necessarily

thought it reasonable for the

Prince and Princess of Wales

to look solemn in each other's

presence when recently they

"YOU was on the telly!" says a

the tabloid newspaper.

for the Daily Express.

"manic meeting of light minds" — has forced GMTV in any way to alter its programme format.

Light on the news The Big Breakfast might be, but the unex-pected success of the "yoof TV" programme will make the temptation to go further tabloid irresistible to GMTV, which is competing for the same audience of housewives and children in a battle as fierce as that between The Sun and The Daily Mirror.

"GMTV will be The Sun on TV." predicts Paul Longhurst, joint me-dia director of Bartle Bogle Hegarty, the advertising agency.

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In search of a new chief for BBC1

Who is in the running to replace Jonathan Powell?

arly in the new year Marmaduke Hussey, chair-man of the BBC. John Birt, the new director-general, and Will Wyatt, managing director tele-vision, will face half-a-dozen candidates who consider themselves suitable to run the BBC's most important programme outlet. BBC 1. Last year. Jonathan Powell. who is leaving for ITV, had nearly £600 million at his disposal — more than the chief executive of ITV has this year, his budget having just been cut from £600 million to £510

Mr Powell leaves with his reputation enhanced by the best new drama series of the year Between the Lines and continuing ratings successes on Saturdays with Casualty and Noel's House Party. He goes to Carlton, a new ITV company with no studios and only promises of programmes, run by a chairman who has proved himself as a businessman but has yet to show he is a broadcaster. Of Mr Powell's six predecessors as controller BBC 1, four joined the competition, underlining that the BBC can never totally satisfy talented people.

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The new controller will have to solve the Eldorado problem and probably make do with less money. Nevertheless there is no shortage of candidates. From inside the BBC there will be Janet Street-Porter. Jim Moir and one or two lesserknown names from the regions. Outside the BBC, David Elstein of Thames has made clear he is not available and the same presumably applies to Paul Jackson, Mr Pow-ell's boss at Carlton. This leaves John Gau, once a shining light at the BBC, Steve Morrison, at Granada, Alan Boyd, ex-TVS, ex-LWT and ex-BBC and John Willis of Channel 4. Whoever gets the job faces the task of commissioning 6,000 hours of television a year.

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nasty little girl in Anthony Burgess' dystopic novel 1985. Appearing on television is the final accolade, the pearl of great price. I know. As a parson, I used to do The Epilogue sometimes and paristioners would say to me what that nasty little girl said in 1985. Implausible but true: parishioners would sit up late watching all kinds of rubbish for the great prize of seeing my cathode image on the box for five minutes at one o'clock

in the morning. Being on television is a lot more important than being in real life. All is image and no reality. How long before we shall not need to be at all, but only to appear?

There is a simple enough example of vanity, I suppose, and of our being seduced by a bux of electromic tricks. The really puerile aspect of this vanity though becomes evident when you realise that it does not matter what you do when you are on telly. The

the dead in South

The tabloids are also competing in a free market. They know their readers and set out to serve them. In contrast to their more burdened broadsheet exhibit a joie de vivre which is re-

flected in their use of type, carthy language, fractured puns and forthright opinions. As a press officer, I found

them easier to deal with than many so called quality news: papers. At least, they were interested in the news instead of pursuing their own Nor did they do for Nell Kinnock in the general elec-

tion if the research into the voting of tabloid (and broadsheet) readers is any guide. They did not invent David Mellor's problems. They did not cause Britain to drop out of the exchange-rate mechanism like a stone. They did not propose the closure of twothirds of the coal industry at the bottom of a slump. And they did not break three royal.

marriages.
Indeed, their reputation for



Tabloids speak for us all

BERNARD **INGHAM**

family's troubles. As Brian Hitchen, editor of the Daily Star, observed last week, The Daily Telegraph gave seven pages to the Wales separation, The Times six, and The Guardian and The Independent five

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B madsheet cartoonists and gossip columnists are as bitchy and nasty as the rest. As for television, camera crews will do themselves — or someone else serious injury one of these days as they crane, teeter and jostle for shots of the latest personality with a personal problem. And why are the victims of crime or their relatives now ritually paraded at police press conferences but to give tele-vision its daily dose of harrow-

ing footage?
So what is preoccupying Sir

David Calcutt, QC, and Mr en a serious knock Clive Soley M.P., both of whom are examining how to improve their remarkably standards of journalism? Both seek to curb what many see as accurate reporting of the trends an abuse of power. Mr Soley in royal marital wants to legislate against this tensions. We abuse and for higher stanshould also take dards of journalism, while Sir with a pinch of David may well confirm his salt the broadideas for outlawing invasions sheets' mislead-

Sir David's proposals may prove much more welcome than Mr Soley's bill which would saddle a free press with an independent press

But let us not evade the real issue: the reformers are seeking further to curb excess in that most emotive of free markets -- free speech. Before we go down that route we need to be sure there is something more seriously wrong than lapses of good taste which offend our sensitive Establishment and middle classes.

We must be honest with ourselves. Compared with the broadsheets, the tabloids sell like hot cakes. There is no evidence of market resistance to scandal. On the contrary, the tabloids sell even better when one is running. And the broadsheets follow where tab-

loids dare to tread. Isn't the real problem hu-man nature? And how do you change that?

Readers of popular papers are forever disentangling TV fiction from reality

Insane shadow of pop culture

goal in a Cup Final or only a face in the crowd — is irrelevant: appearance is all. This represents the ulti-

mate triumph of form over content

Does this confusion of image with reality matter? I think it does in the case of the tabloid newspapers whose existence is so bound up with popular television prog-rammes that the one could hardly survive without the other. Remember the massacre at Hungerford described as "Rambo Murders"? This is dangerous because it makes real life second best to fiction

and so demeans it. A tabloid's story about a real event can be utterly

mode of your appearing — he it as scorer of the winning does not possess a television does not possess a television set and who therefore does not see all the soaps, chat shows, adverts, films and film reviews. It might go like this:

HOME ALONE SHARON IN ASSAULT NICHTMARE

Sharon, aged 13, had only an evening with The Simpsons in mind when a Ninja-syle hitman burst into her living room and there began an horrlic replay of Night Games. Luckily for Sharon. Between the Lines Tony Clarklookalike, Steven Briggs, just happened to be passing on his way to assist in Ask Anneka. Through the keyhole. Sho Kosugi fan Steve glimpsed the start of a vicious attack. smashed his way in Schwarzenegger style and saved the petrified Sharon. Later he said. "If I hadn't happened to stumble

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by, she would have got the same as Jodie Foster and worse . . . "

There are millions of people who would understand every word of this story, though it consists mainly of the proper names of fictional characters. These sorts of proper names have become a cultural shorthand used increasingly to convey news about the real world. The trouble with the present close connection between the tabloids and the telly is that people are offered real life as indistinguishable from the fictional ingredients

of pop culture. We approach a crisis when images become more "real" than reality, when reality can be communicated only by means of pop culture's chean fiction. We pass beyond crisis into even more dangerous insanity when the reciprocal event occurs and real life, and therefore real people, are turned into a mere series of

expendable images. PETER MULLEN Twenty-five years ago the government set up legislation to protect zones of architectural interest. Steven Parissien reports on what has happened since

Do they know it's a conservation area?

But for many it is far from being a happy birthday. Conservation areas come in all shapes and sizes. There are more than 7,500 conservation areas in England alone - although these cover only 4 per cent of our national building stock. Officially defined as "areas of special architectural or historic interest", they are designated by local authorities, and include some of the most sought-after homes in Britain.

These homes are rarely listed, but are buildings of great charm and character. Yet their very existence—and the survival of the concept of the conservation area - is under threat from the legal loophole of permitted development.

Britons, it seems, are fine when it comes to respecting and admiring the great houses of the past — but not when it comes to conserving the special character of their own homes. "Conservation areas have never been fully integrated into the national strategy for protecting the architectural heritage," says Dame Jennifer Jenkins, a conservation

Dame Jennifer puts much of the

ritain's conservation areas are 25 years old this year. blame on our "museum piece" attitude to our historic past. "In Britain, unlike France and Italy, attention is still focused on individual buildings of outstanding national importance rather than on historic towns and areas as a whole," she says.

Local authorities are all too often powerless to act. Bob Ladd, of Somerser's Mendip council, says: Conservation area law is a pretty toothless piece of legislation." And. say Norwich city council's planners, the ability of domestic owners to carry out unlimited alterations is

very worrying".

The legislation serves, in the opinion of Marcus Binney, the president of Save Britain's Heritage, "to open up an Alice in Wonderland scenario by which every single building in a conservation area, bar the listed buildings, can be progressively demolished. Unnecessary alterations to our

old homes are often well-inten-tioned, but are nevertheless gener-ally highly damaging to both the building and to the pocket of the owner. "The history of English architecture is written in its windows." Mr Binney says.

Yet old windows are often the

first things to go in a conservation area — ripped out to make way for characteriess plastic or aluminium substitutes in the mistaken belief that these will last longer than traditional timber. In conservation areas today, doors can be thrown

on the skip, old roof tiles removed, internal plasterwork destroyed, cement pebbledashing applied to beautiful brickwork -- all under the guise of "permitted development". In some instances the whole house is demolished behind the

front wall. But, asks Sophie Andreae, English Heritage's head of the London region, "Is stage-set scenery really what our conservation areas are about?"

One of the most attractive residential areas in the capital is west London's Ladbroke district, comprising the solidly middle-class smooped terraces that stretch to the north of Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate. However, even in such pleasant surroundings, the local amenity society, the Ladbroke Asso-ciation, is finding the pressure for inappropriate development almost

unstoppable.
"Railings are removed, front walls rebuilt, hideous extensions built over front gardens — the result is an unsightly mess," says Thomas Pakenham, a local resident. "Not only do these alterations look awful in themselves - they also do little for the local environment."

Further west, in leafy Harrowon-the-Hill, the situation is even worse. In the delightful Georgian and Victorian conservation area that abuts the famous school, "permitted development" is rife, and the conservation area seriously undermined.

"Harrow's local council takes its

conservation responsibilities seriously." says David Lowenthal, of the Harrow Village Residents' Association. "But its efforts are hampered by a plethora of successful appeals against development refus-al, determined by the environment

department inspector." The result, Mr Lowenthal says, is that "this unique oasis in suburbia is being ripped asunder by ruthless over-development -- development which flies in the face of the criteria laid down by central government 25 years ago"

Andreae says: "Conservation areas are very popular with residents." And not only in the most obviously historical areas. "The London borough of Redbridge has even begun establishing its own 'areas of residential character to keep up with local demand," she adds.

Designation can help revive a run-down historic area. "The sort of areas I deal with in Liverpool," says Mary King, of Liverpool city council, "are not enhanced just by new paving and pretty street signs. Conservation areas can attract new development and uses, help reloof derelict houses and prompt a whole host of measures aimed at the economic regeneration of the

Last week, at the London Conservation Areas Conference, a broad alliance of national and local amenity societies, English Heritage and related professionals met for talks with Robert Key, the heritage minister, and with local authority officers and councillors.

Mr Key admitted that the current system — "a pretty mixed bag of controls that has just grown like Topsy" — should by no means "be the last word on the subject".

However, the government shrinks from taking any new action to save conservation areas. "My feeling," Mr Key says, "is that there is a good case for leaving the initiative to the individual local authority.

The London Conference resolved that "the government's new plan-ning guidelines should provide for a presumption against the demolition of buildings which contribute to the character of conservation areas". Action is needed to stop the erosion of our historic areas before

Wishing the heavens would close

t is now two weeks since the worst floods for 13 years submerged vast tracts of Wales and the West Country. As yet there are no national figures for the number of houses flooded, but it is likely to run well into the hundreds.

Stephen Bond, a chartered building surveyor and the chairman of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' Conservation Group, says flood damage can easily run into tens of thousands of pounds. "The damage may not be immediately obvious. Often houses can have underfloor voids where water will stay and people will not notice it until the floorboards start warping or distorting,"

Houses at risk fall broadly into two categories: those liable to suffer from tidal or storm flooding, and those at risk from flooded rivers or When the rain comes down in torrents there is little the home owner can do except hand round the sandbags

excessive rainfall, such as those in Wales.

The harsh fact is that no one body is responsible for flooded homes. The National Rivers Authority (NRA) is responsible for flood defences, but is not liable if your house is flooded.

The obvious recourse is insurance. Brian Denney, the chairman of the British Insurance and Investors Brokers Association, says that some areas, such as parts of York near the Ouse, are flooded so often that insurance is not "From now on, flood cover

for houses in high risk areas an extra premium on top of regular building and contents msurance — could mean your terms this means, on average, such insurance would cost 0.05 per cent of the value of the house. A £100,000 house would therefore need £500 worth of insurance.

Once flooding begins, says Derek Hardy, of the London Weather Centre, there is little that those living in high flood risk areas can do. "People who live along the Thames have always had to cope with flooding for 51 and a half weeks of the year. For half a week their garden is under water; the rest of the time it's a great place to

History bears this out floods in the Thames Valley in 1947 brought 50,000 people from their homes.

and maintaining about 40,000 kilometres of flood defences. However, it has no power over the local authorities with which it has to work. This means that authorities can give planning permission to develop on flood-risk land.

Harrow village: now under threat from redevelopment

spite criticism from David Hunt, the Weish secretary, who announced that all flood controi schemes were to be renewed after the recent floods, Emer O'Connell, an NRA spokeswoman, defended the uthority's performance.

She says: "In the past 20 years we have put in major flood defence systems but a lot of problems are caused by the

that. The situation would have been a lot worse if it had not been for our flood defences." Alan Blythe, the director of

nvironmental services at Woodspring district council, Avon, is most concerned that ditches are kept clear and that enough sandbags are on standby. "We have four lony loads on hand during danger periods, such as springtide. It is a constant battle to work out where flooding will occur

At peak times he has one man on standby all night, and a team of ten on call. At the worst times of year — from November to March — local authorities are updated three times a day by the Meteorological Office.

"It is possible to waterproof the walls, but it costs upwards of £10,000," Mr Bond says.



ROSEMARY Knifton's house (above) at Claverham near Bristol was swamped two weeks ago. A wall of sandbags now stands guard in her drive. "The ground is so sodden that every time it rains the drive fills up again."

to be a pump house, the pumping lowered the water table. It is no longer the case," she says. Mrs Knifton, a councillor at Woodspring district council, is more philosophical than most. "When you realise there's little you can

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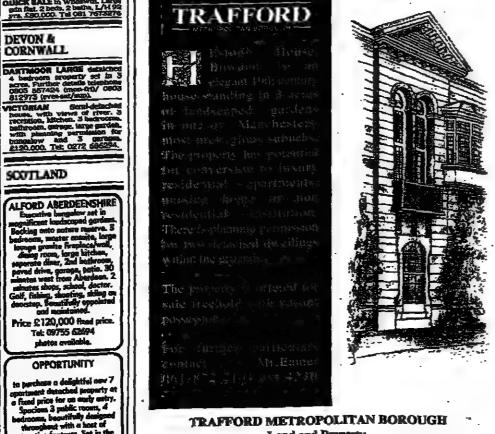
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GMC uses English law in Scotland

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths and Lord Jauncey of

[Judgment December 14] The law of England applied to proceedings before the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council wherever in the United Kingdom the

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the appellant, Dr Thomas Anderson McAllister. against the determination of the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council on May 8, 1992, that by reason of a finding of serious profession misconduct his registration in the register of medical practitioners should be erased.

Mr Jonathan Mitchell, QC (of the Scots Bar) for Dr McAllister; Mr Julian Bevan, QC and Miss Rosalind Foster for the GMC.

LORD JAUNCEY said that the hearing took place before the committee in Glasgow. Both parties were represented by English coursel and an English Queen's

When the case came before the Judicial Committee counsel for the appellant sought to introduce grounds of appeal relating to the fact that the proceedings had taken place in Scotland rather than

He maintained that, in the absence of any direction in the statutory rules as to which system of law should apply to bearings before the committee, the lex fori

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr

Where a charge against a defen-

alternative charge, based on the

same set of facts, was substituted.

new custody time limit applied from the date of the preferment of

It was usually wholly un-

desirable for counsel to swear an

affidavit in relation to a case in which he was conducting an

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held, dismissing an application by Waynas Lee and

to quash the decision of Waltham

Forest Justices on September 4 further to remand them in custody

on a charge of wounding with Intent, contrary to section 18 of the

Offences against the Person Act

[Judgment December 11]

the new charge.

insufficient corroboration by the law of Scotland to entitle the committee to find charge 2(b) proved.

The statutory background against which the committee op-erated was the Medical Act 1983. In accordance with its duty under that Act the council had made the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and sional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules Order of Cound /SI 1988 No 2255).

Further statutory provisions relevant to the appeal were sections 1(1) and 9(c) of the Civil Evidence (Scotland) Act 1988. Section 1

"(1) In any civil proceedings the court ... if satisfied that any fact has been established by evidence in those proceedings, shall be entitled to find that fact proved by the evidence is not corroborated."

By section 9(c) civil proceedings included "any proceedings be a tribunal or inquiry, except in so far as, in relation to the conduct of edings before the tribunal or inquiry, specific provision has been made as regards the rules of evidence which are to apply..." Mr Mitchell submitted that the

lex for determined questions of substantive law, evidence and procedure; that Scots law required corroboration of which there was none in relation to the dishonesty referred to in charge 2(b); and that the failure of the legal assessor to draw the attention of the committee to the need for corrobora-tion vitiated the whole proceedings back to the committee for a

He accepted that the proceed-ings, aibeit analogous to criminal at all.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said

that an affidavit by counsel for the

defendants was before the court.

Save in exceptional circumstances.

it was wholly undesirable for

counsel to swear an affidavit in relation to a case in which he was

conducting an appeal or otherwise

seeking redress.
The swearing of an affidavit pre-supposed a willingness to be cross-examined and it was clearly

unsatisfactory for one person to be

Further, where the facts in the affidavit related to the history of

the proceedings it was usually

likely that the solicitor would have

a more comprehensive knowledge

The defendants had originally

been charged with attempted mur-

der and had been remanded in

custody. A custody time limit of 70

days applied by virtue of the Prosecution of Offences (Custody

both advocate and witness.

Regina v Waltham Forest Mr Neil Guest for the defen-Justices, Ex parte Lee and dants: Mr Ian Winter for the The charge of

However he submitted that a dictum in Lanford v General Medical Council [1990] 1 AC 13, 19-20), that the onus and standard of proof in such disciplinary proceedings were those applicable to a criminal trial, required that notwithstanding the provisions of the 1988 Act corroboration was

Even if Scots law of evidence applied to the proceedings of the committee in Glasgow the appeal failed. Section 1(1) of the 1988 Act applied to any civil proceedings or tribunal unless specific provision had been made as regards the rules of evidence which were to apply.

The exception in section 9(c) applied only where there existed rules which specifically dealt with corroboration in a manner which superseded the application of sec-

There being no such provision in the 1988 Rules, the application of section 1(1) of the 1988 Act had The dictum in Lanford v Gen-

eral Medical Council could not be treated as having universal application in all cases arising before the committee. In charges brought against a doctor where the events giving rise to the charges would also found serious criminal charges, it might be appropriate that the onus and standards of proof should be those

However, there would be many cases where the charges which the doctor had to face before the

of serious or any criminal charges

The charge of attempted murder

was then withdrawn and offences

under section 18 of the Offences

against the Person Act 1861 were

preferred. The date fixed for the

committal proceedings was outside

The prosecution took the view

that the section 18 offences at-

tracted a new set of custody time

limits. Mr Guest argued that the

section 18 charges did not attract new time limits as they arose out of

as alternative rather than new

Mr Guest submitted that R v

Wirral District Magistrates Court,

Ex parte Meikle ([1990] Crim LR

801), in which it was held that each offence attracted its own

distinguished on its facts. Unlike in

Ex parte Meikle, the attempted

murder and the section 18 charges

grose from the same, rather than

the initial custody time limit.

entirely of medical men and women and to require that every charge of professional misconduct had to be proved to them just as though they were a jury of laymen

What was of prime importance was that the charge and the conduct of the proceedings should be fair to the doctor in all respects. If Scots law had applied to the proceedings the committee would not have been obliged to disregard section I(I) of the 1988 Act and to apply the criminal law of evidence instead. In any event there was ample corroboration in relation to

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal but their Lordships thought it right to consider whether Scots law was applicable at all to the proceedings.

It was the first occasion on which

the committee had sat in Scotland. it did so because of the state of health of the appellant. Cases involving Scots doctors had always been heard in London and it had never been suggested

that any law other than that of England applied to the proceed-The council and the committee it was highly desirable that the same rules of evidence and proce-

dure should apply throughout the United Kingdom wherever the Their Lordships were satisfi that the law of England was the correct law to have been applied in

the offence. Mr Guest's sub-mission failed to make a proper

distinction between an offence and

Leaving aside the question of bad faith, it had to be that the

regulations applied so as to permit

the running of new custody time limits from the identifying and

As to the question of bad faith.

no doubt it would be an abuse of

process if the Crown Prosecution

Service preferred new charges

which were more or less serious

alternatives in relation to the same

facts, or on different facts, solely for

the purpose of defeating the cus-

not be tolerated. However, there was not a scrap of evidence that

there was any improper motive or

Solicitors: Howletts: CPS,

Mr Justice Pill agreed.

Mala fides of that kind would

charging of a new offence.

a set of facts.

tody time limits.

the proceedings. Their Lordships recommended the appeal should Solicitors: Le Brasseurs, Field

STAUGHTON said that following the government's announce-Custody time limit applies to fresh charge

ment on October 13, 1992 that certain coal mines faced closure. three sets of proceedings were commenced and were pending. Mr McLaughlin and Mr Sage claimed damages for breach of

implied terms in their contracts of employment with British Coal Corporation Coal at the two pits at which they had been working in Nottinghamshire was not

but had been prevented from working underground and so had been only paid the guaranteed minimum wage and not the incentive bonus they would each have earned had they been allowed to work undergound.

The second set of proceedings concerned an action in the Chancery Division by a number of miners and deputies who be-longed to a different union but which included the same claim as Mr McLaughlin and Mr Sage but which sought to seek support upon Community law grounds and included complaints about consultation rights

The third set of proceedings was

Discretion on transfer of action The question the Court of Ap-

peal had to address was whether the action brought by Mr McLaughlin and Mr Sage should be transferred to the High Court

and to the Chancery Division to be

heard with the action which was

British Coal made its application

to Judge Heald but he dismissed it

and the county court action was now due to commence in the week

inning Monday December 14.

There was no reason why the

action could not be treated as a

separate action. Mr McLaughlin

and Mr Sage were entitled to have

their case treated separately and to

The county court judge, when he

had to consider whether to exercise

his powers under section 42(1) of

the County Courts Act 1984 to

transfer the action before him to

the High Court, was under a duty to take into account the matters in

article 7(5) of the 1991 Order, in

particular whether the action raised questions of importance to

persons who were not parties to the

be unencumbered by others.

already there.

McLaughlin and Another v British Coal Corporation Before Lord Justie Balcombe, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment December 10] A county court judge had to address his mind in accordance with the High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order (S), 1991 No 774), made under section 120(4) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, as to whether an action before him of which the value was less than £25,000 could

be transferred to the High Court. However, once he had taken into account such matters in article 7(5) as to whether the action raised any question of general im-portance to persons who were not parties to the action or any questions of general public importance, then he had a discretion under article 7(3)(a) whether or not to

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe dissenting) so held when dismissing the appeal of British Coal Corporation against the refusal of Judge Heald in Nottingham County Court on November 25, 1992 to refuse its application to transfer to the Chancery Division of the High Court the action brought against it by Mr Michael McLaughlin and Mr Trevor Sage, two miners in its employment, which concerned an alleged breach of an implied term of those miners' contracts of

Mr Charles Falconer, QC and Ms Daphne Loebl for the corpora-tion; Mr Ian A. B. McLaren for the

They had attended work daily

tion? In theory the action should be tried in the non-jury list of the Queen's Bench Division for that was its natural home as it was a perfectly ordinary claim in

It might be that the Chancery Division would provide a speedier trial but it would be wrong to transfer an action from one division of the High Court to another merely to provide a speedier trial.

Once a county court judge had taken into account any relevant matter in article 7(5) then he had a discretion under article 7(3)(a) whether to transfer the action to the High Court, where the value of the action was less than £25,000. The county court judge had

reached the right decision in the exercise of his discretion. The straight contract issue should be separated from the Chancery ac-tion and the judge was emitted to conclude that it was a county court LORD JUSTICE NOLAN. agreeing, said that the respon-sibility for the initial decision

action or questions of general public interest. whether to transfer was placed by section 42(1) and by the 1991 That criteria in article 7(5) were Order firmly on the county court certainly applicable in the present judge. He had directed his mind eff-Should the action be tried in the

ectively to all the criteria in article High Court, notwithstanding that it ought not to be tried with the pending Chancery Division ac-7(5) and particularly to the crucial question of general importance.

cretion by the judge who had directed himself upon all the relevant issues.

LORD JUSTICE BAL-COMBE, dissenting, said that the action was not one which fell within section 42(1) of the County Courts Act 1984. It came under section 42(2) which gave the county court judge a discretion but which had to be applied in accordance with article 7.

The county court judge had to consider whether the action should be in the High Court. He need not have considered which particular

The judge had been referred to article 7(5) but he had not dealt with the question of transfer. He had not asked himself that question. He had dealt with questions of convenience as to whether the action should be tried with the pending Chancery action.

The action was of a kind to be tried in the High Court. Having then ought to have considered any counterbalancing factors such as delay, although in the present case delay would have been minimal. The county court judge had therefore erred in the exercise of

his discretion. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson:

GCHQ staff federation not an independent trade union

Government Communications Staff Federation v Certification Officer and Another Before Mr Justice Wood, Mrs M. L. Boyle, Mr A. D. Scott, Mr S. Springer and Mrs M. R. Sunderland

[Judgment December 10]

The Government Communications Staff Federation (GCSF) formed in 1985 for staff at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Chelten ham was not an independent trade union within the definition in section 5 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and was not entified to a certificate of independence since it was vulnerable to interference by GCHQ.

The Employment Appeal Tri-burnal so held when dismissing an appeal by GCSF from the refusal of the Cerdification Officer, the first respondent, to grant it a certificate of independence on December 15, 1989. The Council of Civil Service Unions (OCSU) was granted leave to be joined as second respondent. Section 5 of the 1992 Act provides: "In this Act an 'indepen-

union which (a) is not under the domination or control of an emplyer or group of employers or interference by an employer or any such group or association (arising out of the provision of financial or material support or by any other means whatsoever) tending to-wards such control; and references to 'independence' in relation to a trade union shall be construed accordingly."

Mr Brian Moore, chairman, for GCSP; Mr David Pannick, QC, for the Certification Officer; Mr Gavin Millar for the CCSU.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that GCSF was listed as a trade union under the Employment Protection Act 1975. The listing of a trade mion conferred on it some benefits but a certificate that it was an independent trade union conerred further rights. The TUC and CCSU objected to the application for a certificate of independence

and it was rejected.
In 1984 new terms of employ ment had the effect that staff would not be permitted to be members of trade unions other than a departmental staff association approved by the director of GCHQ. In 1985 the GCSF was formed.

On appeal GCSF had to satisfy the appeal tribunal that it was not under the domination or control of the management of GCHQ and that it was not liable to interference

Mr Moore had submitted that there was a degree of permanence about GCSF but the appeal tri bunal were unable to accept that submission. If approval or recog-nition was withdrawn on the ground of national security there was no remedy open to them.

Mr Moore also submitted that

the staff at GCHQ were no different from any other civil servant but that was not right because other civil servants had rights under the Employment Protection (Consolidation) 1978. He also argued that affillation with other trade unions had been permitted by the constitution of GCSF without serious challenge

But there had been no attempt at affiliation and it seemed to the appeal tribunal that if it were attempted GCSF would be instantly de-recognised.
It seemed clear that GCSF was

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vulnerable to interference because it was a condition of service that staff were not permitted to be members of other trade unions and that statutory employment rights had been withdrawn from staff at GCHQ. GCSF had failed to satisfy section 5(b) of the 1992 Act and the appeal would be

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Russell Jones & Walker.

rights of an insurer the practical

disadvantages would be fearsome.

inflexible or powerless.

Fortunately, equity was not so

In order to protect the rights of

the insurer under the doctrine of

subrogation equity considered that

the damages payable by the wrongdoer to the insured person

were subject to an equitable lien or

The stop loss insurers were

entitled to injunctions restraining

Richards Butler from paying and

each name from receiving any part of the damages of £116m without

first providing or paying out of the

damages payable to the name the amounts that had been or should

charge in favour of the insurer.

Stop loss insurers have enforceable rights of subrogation

Nanier and Ettrick (Lord) and Another v R. F. Kershaw Ltd. and Others

Napier and Ettrick (Lord) v Hunter and Others (Consolidated Appeals)

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley [Speeches December 10] On payment to the assureds, members of a Lloyd's syndicate, of

their claims under stop loss poli cies, the stop loss insurers had become entitled to be subrogated to the assureds' right to recover damages against the tortfeasors although the amount recoverable had not then been quantifiable.

The stop loss insurers had an enforceable couitable interest in the damages recovered by way of settlement of an action against the tortleasors and were entitled to of the settlement moneys, Richards Butler, solicitors, from paying and part of the settlement moneys until the amount due to them by way of subrogation had been paid to

underwriting losses represented by the excesses on the stop loss policies were to be borne by the assureds until the stop loss insurers had been fully indemnified pursuant to their right of subrogation.

The House of Lords allowed an lifth to fourteenth defendants, and dismissed a cross-appeal by the assureds, represented by the first plaintiff, Lord Napier and Ettrick, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Noian) (The Times, July 17). The Court of Appeal had allowed in part an appeal by the fifth to fourteenth defendants from an order made by Mr Justice Saville on June 12 in proceedings brought by Lord Napier and Richards

Mr David Donaldson, QC and Mr Michael Swainston for the stop loss insurers: Mr Anthony Boswood, QC and Mr Stephen

Moriarty for the assureds. LORD TEMPLEMAN said that when an insured person suffered a loss he would be en to the insurance money and might also be entitled to sue for damages anyone responsible for the loss.

For example, if a house were and was damaged by fire to an extent exceeding £100,000, the insurance company would pay £100.000.

If the fire had been caused by a contractual or tortious wrongdoer, the insured person would sue the If the house had been damaged

to the extent of £160,000, the insured person would receive damages from the wrongdoer of made a profit since he would only

pany and the wrongdoer. A policy of insurance, however, was a contract of indemnity, and by the doctrine of subrogation the insured person had to pay back to the insurer the sum of £100,000. He would then have made neithe

The appeal required consideration of the principles and application of the doctrine of progration.

The assureds were 246 members of the Outhwaite Syndicate 317/661 of Lloyd's ("the names"). The wrongdoer was, inter alios, the managing agent of the syn-dicate ("Outhwaite"), which had negligently written large numbers of policies on behalf of the names in respect of asbestosis claims

The policy had also provided that "the underwriters' liability

have suffered a loss of £160,000

a loss nor a profit.

Each name had paid a premium to stop loss insurers for a policy whereby the stop loss insurers had agreed to "indemnify the assured for the amount by which the assured's overall ascertained net underwriting loss ... for the ... vears of account shown . . . exceeds the amount stated as 'excess' in the

but would have collected a total of £260,000 from the insurance com-

On those figures, the stop loss insurers had paid the name £100,000, being the fixed amount

ligence and breach of duty in respect of, interalia, the 1982 year compromised on payment by Outhwaite of £116m to Richards

amount stated as 'limit' in the

The limit and the excess had varied from policy to policy. For purposes of illustration, the arguments in the courts below and in the House of Lords had assumed that for 1982, one of the underwriting years of account in ques-tion, a particular hypothetical name had suffered a net underwriting loss of £160,000, that the excess had been £25,000 and that the limit had been £100,000.

of the limit (£100,000) that had exceeded the excess (£25,000). The names together with other names had sued Outhwaite [and over 80 other mambers agents at

Those proceedings had been Butler as solicitors for the plaintiffs

For the purposes of the illustration it was assumed that included in the El I 6m Richards Butler held £130,000 attributable to the overall ascertained nett loss of £160,000 suffered by the hypo-

On those as lems arose: first, how much was payable to the stop loss insurers by way of subrogation; second, were the stop loss insurers entitled to be paid the amounts found due to them by way of subrogation out of the damages now held by Richards

At first instance, Mr Justice Saville had decided that the hypothetical name would be entitled to be fully indemnified for his loss of £160,000. He had received £100,000 from the stop loss insu ers. He would receive £130,000 from Outhwaite. He would keep £60,000 and pay £70,000 to th stop loss insurers. In the result, he would have fully recouped his loss of E160,000.

That analysis, however, ignored the fact that the name had agreed to bear the first £25,000 of any loss In his Lordship's opinion, an insured was not entitled to be indemnified against a loss that he had agreed to bear. He agreed with the Court of Appeal that the name had to bear the loss to the of the excess, namely £25,000. So he had to pay £95,000 to the stop loss insurers: £130,000 less the £35,000 loss in excess of £125,000.

His Lordship did not consider that Castellain v Preston ([1883] 11 QBD 380), relied on by Mr Justice Saville, was helpful in deciding whether a name who had bear the first £25,000 loss was entitled to be put in the same position as an insured person who had made no such promise.

The second question was an interest in the moneys held by Richards Butler. Following the example given, could they assert an interest in the £130,000 paid by Outhwaite and held by Richards Butler to the excent of the £95,000 due to them by way of

When the stop loss insurers had paid £100,000 to the hypothetical name under the policy, they had immediately become entitled to be subrogated to the right of the name to sue and recover damages in an action against Outhwaite, albeir that the amount payable to them by way of subrogation could not be quantified until the action had

White v Dobinson ((1844) 1 Sim 273; 116 LTOS 233) was attthority for the proposition that, if application was made to the court before the wrongdoer had paid damages in respect of which an insurer was entitled to subroga-tion, the court would not allow the damages to be paid over without satisfying the insurers's claims. In Yorkshire Insurance Co Ltd v

from deciding that a court of equity could not lend its aid to compel the assured to direct that the right of the insurer to recoupment under be satisfied out of the damages recovered from the wrongdoer, had equated the right of the insurer to that of the assignee of an equitable interest, a right which equity would of course enforce.

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In the hypothetical case under consideration, the intervention of equity was required to ensure that right of action against the wrong-doer in good faith and that the insurer was recouped out of the damages recovered from the wrongdoer. The stop loss insurers were entitled to be recouped £95,000 as soon as the damages of £130,000 were available from the

The name could not delay or frustrate recoupment without inflicting harm on the insurer who remained out of pocket to the extent of £100,000 until he was recouped. The name could not make use of the damages available for recoupment of the stop loss insurers without receiving a benefit or advantage to which he was not

There were 246 names, some resident in the United States and elsewhere abroad. Their Lordships

man of honour and substance and would fulfil his obligations although he was not appearently willing to fulfil them until a write was issued and judgment obta against him for money had and received. But no one could answer for the other 245 names. If the stop loss insurers had no

that Lord Namer and Ethick was a

equitable remedy in connection with their rights and a name became benkrupt, subrogation was a mockery. The judge and the Court of Appeal had held that the stop loss

insurers were confined to their remedy for money had and re-ceived. But authorities spanning over two centuries established that an insurer entitled to subrogation had an enforceable equitable in-terest in the damages payable by

The insured person was guilty of unconscionable conduct if he did recouped out of the damages awarded against the wrongdoer. insist on his legal right to all the from receiving or dealing with those damages so far as they were required to recoup the insurer under the doctrine of subrogation.

Appeal appeared to have thought that equity could only interfere by

Equity would not allow him to The judge and the Court of

Goff. His Lordship agreed that in the circumstances it was not now necessary to decide whether the equitable lien or charge attached also to the rights of action vested in the insured person to recover from a third party. His Lordship had expressed the

Subrogation.

view might require reconsideration in the light ot further Subject to that observation, his Lordship agreed with the views expressed by Lord Goff and with

LORD JAUNCEY agreed that the stop loss insurers' appeal should be allowed for the reasons given by Lord Templeman and delivered an opinion giving addi-

third party, as contrasted with the damages actually recovered.

Retail employee does not act in course of 'any business of his'

Regina v Warwickshire County Council. Ex parte Johnson Before Lord Griffiths, Lord Emslie, Lord Roskill, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry Speeches December 101

An employee of a company was not acting "in the course of any business of his" within section 20(1) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 when he gave a mislead-

ing price indication to a customer. The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the defen-dant, Mr N. K. Johnson, from the order of the Oueen's Bench Diisional Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Popplewell) ([1992] Crim LR 644) allowing an appeal by Warwickshire County Council from the decision of the dismissing an information that the defendant, the manager of a branch of Dixons Store Group Ltd. had given "in the course of a business of his" a misleading price:

indication to a customer contrary Section 20 provides: "(1) ... a erson shall be guilty of an offence if, in the course of any business of his, he gives ... to any consumers an indication which is misleading

as to the price at which any goods ... are available ..." Section 39(1) and (5) provides for a defence of taking all reasonable steps and exercising due diligence to avoid committing an offence under section 20(1).

Section 40 provides: "(1) Where the commission by any person of an offence to which section 39 . . . applies is due to an act ... committed by some other person in the course of any business of his, the other person shall be guilty of the offence and may be proceeded against . . . whether or not proceedings are taken against the first-

mentioned person." Mr Frederick Philpott and Miss Claire Andrews for the defendant, Mr Maurice Kay, QC and Mr David Sanderson for the council. LORD ROSKILL said that the

defendant had placed outside the group's Stratford-upon-Avon branch a notice stating "We will beat any TV, hi-fi and video price by £20 on the spot". A customer, having seen a television set on sale in Dixons which was on sale elsewhere in Stratford-upon-Avon for £159.95. had sought to purchase the set at Dixons for £139.95. The defen-

dant had refused to sell it at the When he was interviewed by the council's trading standards department, the defendant frankly agreed that he had been wrong but said that he had acted in the heat of the moment when he was under pressure. Those proceedings then

The justices dismissed the

information, but the Divisional

Court held that the notice had been

misleading because the defendant

had refused to honour its terms

acting "in the course of any business of his" interpreting that phrase as meaning "in the course

The Divisional Court dealt with the question of sentence by grant-ing the defendant an absolute discharge upon payment by him of the costs of the appeal to the Divisional Court.

On the first issue, it had been argued before the House that because the notice was not misleading on its face it could not subsequently become misleading by a refusal to honour its terms. It was said that it never ceased to be a genuine offer. Overcharging could not of itself convert that notice itself not misleading into a notice which

was misleading. ·Counsel for the defendant frankly admitted that the customer had been misled. His Lordship asked: by what was the customer misled? There could only be one answer. He was misled by the His Lordship found himself in

complete agreement with the Divisional Court "The notice is a continuing offer and whether it is misleading or not can only be tested by somebody taking up the offer. It was misleading because the defendant did not in accordance with the terms of the notice beat any TV . . . price by £20 To hold otherwise would be

seriously to restrict the efficacy of that part of the consumer protec-tion legislation. Seemingly innocent notices could be put up and then when such notices were followed by a refusal to honour them by a person acting in the course of his business no offence would be committed.

The second point was more difficult. At first sight the answer given by the Divisional Court had the appeal of simplicity and common sense. The defendant's business was to manage Dixon's branch at Stratford-upon-Avon. His refusal arose in the course of that business. Hence he was guilty of the offence charged. It did not matter that he had no business of

The Divisional Court had been referred to a number of cases, all decisions upon the construction of other statutes and upon very different facts. The question had to be answered by reference to the 1987 Act and to what could be deduced from its language in the various relevant sections.

During the argument it was suggested that some support for the council's construction of section 20(1) might be found in section 40(1). It was suggested that the words "in the course of any business of his" might be read not as referring to the immediately preceding words "some other person" but to an earlier phrase namely the person who had committed "an offence to which

section 39 ... applies". But there were a number of difficulties in the way of that suggested construction. First, it involved construing those words otherwise than in the order in which they appeared in Second, the somewhat opaque

afting of section 40(1) involved

the incorporation via section 39(5) of the language of section 20(1) into the opening words of the That involved treating the phrase "in the course of any business of his" as also appearing in the opening words of section 40(1). That made it impossible to relate those same words when they

appeared later in the subsection as

applying to the "person" men-tioned in the opening words. Third, as Lord Ackner had pointed out during argument, the defendant had been charged with an offence against section 20(1) and not with an offence against section 40(1).

His Lordship concluded that the words "in the course of any business of his" meant any busi-ness of which the defendant was either the owner or in which he had a controlling interest. Not without some reluctance his Lordship found himself unable to share the view taken by the Divisional

Count It was now permissible to have regard to statements by a minister in Parliament in order to ascertain the true intention of ambiguous legislation the interpretation of which had become a matter of controversy. At the report stage of the Bill which became the 1987 Act, Lord Morton of Shuna had moved an

amendment to clause 20(1) to

delete the words "of his". At column 1 140 of Hansard (vol. 485) he said: "The words of his" appear to be quite unnecessary and unnecessarily restrictive. What is to be the position of somebody who is tion in the course of his employer's business, possibly unauthorised by his employer? Is that employee who is acting against instructions to be safe from prosecution?" In his reply the minister, Lord Beaverbrook, had said: "...it is right so to draft the Bill that

proceedings are directed against employers . . . rather than individual employees. Accordingly we have included the words of his in the Bill to ensure that individual employees will not be prosecuted..." The answers given by the minister were consistent with the

oblized to put upon the legi The conviction would be set aside and both parties' costs defrayed from central funds. Lord Griffiths, Lord Emslie, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry

construction his Lordship had felt

Solicitors: Edge & Ellison for Edge & Ellison, Birmingham; Mr D. G. Carter, Warwick.

be found to be due from that name to the stop loss insurers by way of Since drafting his speech his Lordship had read in draft the speech to be delivered by Lord

view that the doctrine of subroga-tion did apply in those circumstances, but in any future case, if the point became material, that

the speeches of Lord Jauncey and LORD GOFF, concurring in allowing the stop loss insurers' appeal, said that he wished to reserve his opinion on the question whether the equitable proprietary interest of the insurer attached only to a fund consisting of sums that had come into the hands of the assured in reduction of the loss paid by the insurer or whether it attached also to a right of action vested in the assured which, if enforced, would yield such a fund. He agreed with Lord Templeman and Lord Jauncey in dismissing the assureds cross-

tional reasons for dismissing the assureds' cross-appeal. LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON, agreeing with Lord Templeman and Lord Jauncey, said that he also preferred to express no concluded view on the question whether the insurers had a proprietary interest in the assured's cause of action against the

Lord Slynn agreed. Solicitors: Clyde & Co and Waltons & Morse: Richards

ALAN LEE -

THE autobiographies of sportsmen are not known for being unputdownable, even when the personality concerned has the appeal of David Gower. Nor, in these recessionary times, are they known for selling well.

The batsman's achievement, with the help of Martin Johnson, in securing a best seller with Gower (Collins Willow, £14.99) was undoubtedly helped by the gift of timing, the book being pub-lished in the week that Gower was dramatically ditched by

It is an outstandingly good read and narrowly usurps Patrick Murphy's loving trawl through England's greens and meadows in The Rothman's Book of Village Cricket (Bloomsbury, £16.99) as my cricket book of the year.

DAVID HANDS

RUGBY union's high profile has given rise to a variety of books this year, from the historical and statistical through to the autobiographical, but the one that stands above all others — as his team has done - is that written by Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, titled, aptly enough, The Winning Way (Queen Anne Press, £15.95).

Dwyer's capacity to speak his mind does not endear him with everyone, but that quality is flavoured by an historic perspective and a generosity which few players achieve. The book is a reminder of rugby's cyclical nature, but also a challenging statement about the future of union and rugby league.

JENNY MACARITEUR

IN SEPTEMBER, Henderson Milton became the first show jumper to win £1 million in prize-money. The charismatic grey, owned by Tom and Doreen Bradley, has won nearly every important grand prix as well as the European championships and two . World Cups.

"If he were a human being. he would be in the Olivier, Fonteyn, Pavarotti league . . . Judith Draper writes in Milton. Super Champion (Springfield Books Ltd. £17.95), a well-researched and definitive account of the near-

legendary horse.
Bred by John Harding-Rolls specifically to show jump, Milton's precocious talent was first nurtured by the late Caroline Bradley. After her tragically early death in 1983, he was given to John Whitaker to ride. Whitaker's whitaker to ride. Whitaker's partnership with Milton is movingly told by Draper. Happily, it is a partnership which shows no sign of ending. In the nine weeks since he became a "millionaire", the 15-year-old has won a further E80,000.

Pat Smythe, another show jumping legend, has pro-duced one of the most readable and colourful equestrian autobiographies in her latest book, Leaping Life's Fences Sportsman's Press, £16.95).

IN A thin 12 months for tennis literature, the Official Wimbledon Annual 1992 (Chapman Publishers, £16.99) is a reliable chronicle of this year's championships and a beautifully produced reminder of the high days of summer. The brilliant colour photography captures the mood as well as action of the fortnight from juniors to veterans via the two singles champions, Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf, and the British hero of the hour, Jeremy Bates.

The text is authoritative and fast moving, brimful of facts and quotes. "Do I look better in black or white?" Agassi asked in his speech at the champions' dinner. A book to disappear into amid the mayhem of Christmas.

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THE rise, fall and rise of Kenny Daiglish is finely that cover the Heysel traced in Stephen F. Kelly's Hillsborough disasters.



Not one to be put down: Gower's autobiography is as entertaining as its subject's stroke-play

biography. Although few direct quotes are featured, Dalglish (Headline, £14.99) paints a full and colourful portrait of one of the greatest players, who developed into one of the most sensitive and knowledgeable of managers.

The book sheds light, particularly on the darker moments in his career. Those who doubted the legitimacy of his reason for leaving Liverpool almost two years ago should be enlightened by the chapters that cover the Heysel and

PETER BALL FOOTBALL books are gener-

ally the domain of participants. This year, two important contributions come from observers. Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch (Gollancz, £13.99) is a loving and perceptive tale of what being a fan is about. He is an Arsenal supporter, which tarnishes the idyil a little. What can you make of someone who bemoans the constant exclusion

of players such as Rodney

Marsh and Chris Waddle from the England team while supporting a club whose football is epitomised by Peter Storey and Tony Adams? No such schizophrenia per-

vades A Season in the Cold (Kingswood, £8.99), Ian Ridley's journey through English football from Hackney Marshes to Wembley in the 1991-2 season. Ridley some-times prefers a purple line to a precise one, and the chapter on Barnet shows how easily the outside observer can be hoodwinked, but the book tests the waters of English football superbly.

SYDNEY FRISKIN

DAVID Whitaker's latest book — The Hockey Workshop (Crowood Press, £18.99) could not have made a more timely appearance, almost coinciding with his return as Great Britain's coach four years after he had guided the men's team to its Olympic triumph in Seoul. Much useful information on the changing face of hockey has been

gathered since then. Written in an easy and yet authoritative style, the book, profusely illustrated in colour and black and white, deals adequately with tactics and techniques, and outlines the factors contributing to efficiency in hockey's workshop; it is a masterpiece from a master tactician.

JOHN GOODBODY

THE most compelling sports book published this year must be Haunts of the Black Mas-seur. The Swimmer As Hero by Charles Sprawson (Cape, £14,99). More than a social and cultural history of swimming, it sets the activity within society. It is little wonder that the book has been extensively reviewed on the literary pages. since it transcends sport something that sadly remains a rarity among sports books.

-SRIKUMAR SEN

MUHAMMAD Ali is usually remembered these days as a

barely audible, gentle giant suffering from Parkinson's syndrome. What was the Greatest like when he ruled the world? The brilliant photographs of Neil Leifer bring it all back in Muhammad Ali Memories, a stunning coffee

table-sized book by Rizzoli International Publications (£17.95). The text is by the best-selling author. Thomas Hauser-"There's no way words alone can capture Ali's appearance, so it's fortunate that he's probably the most photo-graphed person ever." Leifer's pictures take you right there, to Ali's training camps, ring-side for his greatest bouts, into his home to catch rare moments with his family. You

DAVID MILLER

remember what a special man

IT IS difficult to convey to anyone under 30 how football used to be. In The Sixties Revisited (Queen Anne, £14.95), Jimmy Greaves, who created fantasies alongside and against such supreme artists as Alex Young, Jimmy McIlroy, George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton, attempts to recapture some

Greaves's pen, guided by Norman Giller, may not be one quarter as deft as were those magical feet, but the book is a valued piece of nostalgia. Greaves is recalling the days when there were a dozen such as John Barnes or Paul Gascoigne in the first division. Youngsters with an eye or ear for the game should

have this on their shelf. More literary, and important in a different way, is Dr John Lucas's Future of the Olympic Games (Human Kinetics [Leeds], £23.50): an academic analysis of the ways in which the Olympic move-ment, under such heavy criticism, can survive in the commercialism of the 21st Century. Lucas's careful study, splendidly researched, is a sharp poke in the eye for cynics who can find no remaining ioy in the games.

BADMINTON

Gowers will carry the main hope of English success

By RICHARD EATON

events in the Rothmans world grand prix finals starting in Kuala Lumpur today. Gowers, one of four English players taking part, believes she can prosper in both the mixed and women's doubles. Cowers and Gill Clark,

England's most successful doubles partnership of the past seven years, were re-united only a few weeks ago after an 18-month break, yet still acquired enough points to qualify for a group containing Indonesia's Rosiana Tendean and Erma Sulistianingsih, whom they beat on the opening day of the Olympic tournament, and the European champions, Christine Magnusson, and Lim Xiaoqing, against whom they held a match point in the Uber Cup finals in the same Negara

Gowers and Jan Paulsen.

GILLIAN Gowers fancies her her partner in the mixed chances to do well in two doubles, were runners-up in the World Cup in Guangzhou in August and should do well, even though Thomas Lund and Pernille Dupont, of Denmark, will be firm favourites to retain the title.

Darren Hall will not be without hopes in the men's singles, either, particularly if he can reproduce the wonderful form that made him, in October, the first English winner of the Danish Open in 50 years. He has in his group Liu Jun. of China, the All-Eng-land champion, and two Indonesians, Joko Suprianto, the World Cup winner, and Hermawan Susanto, the Olympic bronze medal

The English quartet is completed by the national champion, Anders Nielsen, who became a lucky qualifier when the world champion, Zhao Jianhua, withdrew.

WORD-WATCHING

(a) US colloquial dialect variant for parcel, also pasel, parsie, parsie. Used to some extent by all classes, but principally by the uneducated, to mean a parcel, not in the sense of a small bundle or a small quantity, but in that of a considerable number; as, There was a whole passel in the yard; i.e. there were a good many. The word has, perhaps, a somewhat larger meaning than a good many, but denotes less than a multitude."

RESPONAUT

(b) A patient dependent upon a mechanical respirator to maintain breathing, an irregular formation from respirator + Greek names a sailor. "Responsats don't have to be chained to their apparatus in a

(a) In Malaysia, giutinous rice, from the Malaysian (podi) salat sticky rice: "Our children love point in the mornings before school. With point the fullness lasts a long time." "Pubst is never used as bread, but commonly prepared as a sweetment."

(a) A half of a circle or circular body, bin- + -mx as in quadrant:
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By JENNY MACARTHUR

EVEREST Milton, whose recent successes on the Continent have brought his career winnings to more than £1.1 million, will make his first public appearance in England for six months in the Olympia show jumping championships which start today.

The 15-year-old gelding and his rider, John Whitaker, will be competing under the Everest banner for the first

Their new three-year spons-orship contract, which also includes Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, and his wife Veronique, was announced a

Milton's presence at the show is a fitting tribute to the championships, which celebrate their 21st birthday this year. When the show, which is sponsored by Modern Security Systems and Everest, was started by the late Raymond Brooks-Ward in 1972, he had to go out in the street and give rickets away.

Since those days its mixture of fun events and serious show jumping has made it the most popular international fixture. More than half of the ten performances this week - the show ends on Sunday - are sold out and most of Europe's top riders are competing, in-

ONLY acceleration in the

closing stages between Azharuddin and Shastri re-

deemed another modest bat-

ting performance by India after they were put in to bat in the fifth day-night internation-al with South Africa here

yesterday. South Africa were left to make 208 to win and

take a decisive 4-1 lead in the

A partial failure of the

minute stoppage when South Africa were 35 without loss

Azharuddin finished unde-

feated with 86 as he and Shastri added 51 in the final

six overs. Otherwise the Indi-

an run-rate was never allowed to reach four an over, which

was disappointing on a good

The Indians reshuffled their

batting order with Prabhakar

at No. 3 and their stroke-

makers all moving down a

place to accommodate him.

Prabhakar did his best to keep

the score moving after Jadeja

and Raman both gave slip catches to McMillan by the

When Prabhakar was run

out by a direct hit from deep

mid-off in the 28th over - the

verdict going to the television replay — it was necessary for

India to cut loose. Tendulkar,

however, found this hard work

and the score was only 136

Tendulkar, at 156, edged a

seventeenth over.

after 40 overs.

pitch and a fast outfield.

seven-match series.

after ten overs.

cluding Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic individual gold medal winner, and Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria, the holder of the Volvo World Cup.
The 16 British international

riders hoping to win a share of the £160,000 prize-money include Michael Whitaker. Nick Skelton and David Broome, the only rider to have jumped at all 21 championships.

Competition will be espe-cially fierce in the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Saturday afternoon. There is no British rider in the top 20 of the World Cup rankings for the Western European League and only the top 19 go to the final. Olympia is the ninth of 14 qualifiers.

Everest Milton comes to Olympia after one of the most successful autumn campaigns of his career. As if to compensate for his disappointing Olympic Games — where he finished fourteenth — he has rarely been out of the winner's enclosure since. A win at many, in September, made him the first horse to win more

In the 11 weeks following. he has won at Bremen, Stuttgart and Frankfurt and last

CRICKET

timed the ball well as he and

Shastri set about trying to compensate. Azharuddin hit

one six and six fours, one all

Mike Smith, who led Eng-

land on their last tour here 28

years ago, takes over as Inter-

national Cricket Council

match referee after this game

Smith broke his journey to

watch England under-18

Alexandra near Johannes-

burg on the first grass pitch

laid in a black township.

Donations totalling £26,000

from the British government and the Bank of England

helped to cover the cost of converting wasteland into a cricket field.

South African cricket offici-

als are to send a video package

of their third umpire television

replay system to other Test

nations to show how it works.

For the first time, internation-

al matches during India's tour

have had three umpires on

duty, one with access to a

television monitor, to rule on

close run-out and stumping

Runs to Weather Temp snow resort (5pm) °C tall

resort (5pm)

Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 2) ...

for the rest of the tour.

India fail to profit

from conditions

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BLOEMFONTEIN

Sunday captured the Paris grand prix. "He feels just the same and as good as ever," John Whitaker said yesterday.

"He's just on one of those incredible run of wins and I hope it doesn't stop this week."
Whitaker thinks he is a marginally better horse indoors but attributes much of his recent success to his

programming.
"I tend to try and have him just right for September to December because there are a lot of good shows on the Continent with good prizemoney so I try not to wear him out during the summer months," he said. Whitaker's preference for

the richer shows has kept him away from several of the Volvo World Cup qualifiers with the result that he has earned only 12 points towards the final in Sweden next April. The World Cup is the next thing I am going to concentrate on."
Whitaker said. He won the event in 1990 and 1991.

He will ride Everest Milton main rivals are likely to be the two Dutch riders, Jos Lansink. with Egano, and Jan Tops with Joe Turi's former horse, Abbeville, winners of the Danish and Norwegian qualifiers

Australia

rescued

by Waugh

Melbourne: Mark Waugh hit 57 and took five for 24, the

best figures of his career, as

Australia beat West Indies by

four runs in the World Series Cup here yesterday. Australia were heading for defeat before they captured seven wickets for

21 in the last six overs to delight the crowd of 74,450.

Indies captain, who scored 61

off 73 bails, said: "We had the

IN IAUCH IN OUR ALTHS AND GE
SWAY." (Agencies)
AUSTRALIA
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D C Boon o Heyres b Ambrose
D M Jones o Aributon b Cummins
S H Waugh run out
M E Waugh run out
M E Waugh o Hooper b Ambrose
If A Hosely o Haynes b Hooper
If A Hosely o Haynes b Hooper
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Total 68 wids. 80 overnil

Total (8 wids, 50 overs) 198
M R Whitney did not bel.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-17, 3-63, 4-86.
5-160, 6-166, 7-192, 8-187.

BOWLING: Antrose 10-3-25-8; Simmons 10-3-31-1; Wateh 10-1-42-0; Currentine 10-0-45-1; Hooper 10-0-50-1.

WEST INDES

D. Haynes o Taylor b Whitney

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8 C. Lara b M Waugh

74

V Simmons o Healy b Reffet

24

R B Richardson o Taylor b M Waugh

62

L Hopes run ou

C Taylor b M Waugh

9

R Murray o and b M Waugh

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R Murray o and b M Waugh

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World Series Cup table
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West Incides 5 2 3 0 4 0.14
Pakistan 4 1 2 1 3 -0.02
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Richie Richardson, the West



Loss leader: Richards, the England international, was unable to arrest the British Services' slide yesterday

N Zealand hold Services' game

British Police/Services . 23 New Zealand Services. 39

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AS THEY did seven years ago, New Zealand's Com-bined Services completed their second tour of England un-beaten yesterday. Showing all the traditional All Black qualities, they disposed of the British Police and Combined Services at Imber Court by four goals, a try and two penalty goals to two goals, two penalties and a dropped goal. In 1985, Wayne Shelford's

team beat a Combined Services XV 41-0; stiffened for the first time by a generous dose of British constabulary, in response to the practice of the New Zealanders, the result

WHILE the South and South-West stride forward in search

of their first ADT divisional

championship against the Midlands on Saturday, the

North chop and change for their final match (David Hands writes). Their newcom-

ers against London at the

Stoop Memorial Ground include John Fletcher, the

Tynedale centre, and Alan

Brown, the West Hartlepool

The North, ostensibly the

best prepared of the four

ish side came together on Monday and had to reshape its back division after withdrawals; the New Zealanders, in the seventh and last match of their tour, had all the understanding that a touring side should be able to

Even so, their speed in recycling possession and sup-port of the ball-carrier was a joy to watch. Their game was best illustrated by the fifth try, which began ten metres from their own line with a British breakdown; Dudley, the Pov-erty Bay captain and flanker, handled three times, Kapa was a key component and Simpkins, the little hooker,

finished the move. Though they had no internationals, there was provincial experience throughout the

points, including 30 tries, in their seven games, and con-ceded 57. They might have

In addition, the British had a useful lineout base which allowed Hull to show how he has matured. The young Bristol player played outstanding-ly under pressure.

scored more yesterday but for a flood of penalties against

Inevitably, though, the efforts of a side including Packman, Rodber and Rich-Packman. Rodber and Richards. who played divisional rugby last Saturday and will do so. again this weekend. were fragmented. They led for half an hour through Bethwaite's kicking but the New Zealanders put in a devastating burst of scoring either side of half-time to move

either side of half-time to move

from a 6-3 deficit to a healthy

Although Hull's break gave Fenn a try, the New Zealanders replied immediately when Kapa ran past some weak tackles. It might have been worse: Kapa, the wing who has played for Moseley, claims a world record of 12 tries in one match.

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SCORERS: Better Services: Tries: Ferm. Ferry. Conventions: Bathwate, Hull Penalty goals: Betweethe (2). Dropped goal: Hull New Zeasand Services: Tries: Simplore (2), K. Harnsen, Pauling, Kapa. Conventions: A. Hernderson (4). Perusky goals: A. Hernderson, N. Mosen; K. Hernsen, W. Massen; A. Hernderson, N. Mosen; K. Hernsen, M. Mosen; A. Hernderson, N. Mosen; K. Bessen, G. Storotene, A. Mosen; K. Hernsen, M. Mosen; A. Hernderson, N. Mosen; K. Bessen, G. Storotene, A. Mosen; K. Harnsen, M. Mosen; K. Bessen, G. Storotene, A. Mosen; K. Bessen, G. Storotene, A. Mosen; K. Bausen, G. Storotene, A. Mosen; R. D. Duden.



sented them against Romania and Wales Gardner, who has an Ital-

ian mother, is working as a rugby development officer in Rovigo, the club he represents. The Queensland player won four Australia caps and last represented the Wallabies against England at Twicken-Umberto Casellato takes ham on their 1988 tour of the British Isles. Although formerly a flanker, Gardner will play

TALY: L. Troteni: P. Vacceri. S. Barba, I. Prancescato, Mercello Cutota: D. Dorringuez, U. Caselloto; Messamo Cutota, G. Grespan, A. Pezza. S. Rigo, C. Checchinato, P. Peala, M. Giovaneti, J. Gárcher. Replacements: A. Mescengoni, C. Orlandi, R. Casolne, P. Petrosenti, M. Tommasi, M. Bornomi.

□ Nick Farr-Jones, Austra-

RUGBY LEAGUE

o2 prick L Hull pose early threat to Wigan

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IF JOHN Monie's avansong before returning to Australia is Wigan's sixth successive Challenge Cup victory in May, it will have been earned the hand way. A draw in the unloved preliminary round, and a tic against Hull, will not be looked on fondly.

The Wigan coach's weary reaction to the draw in Leeds yesterday contrasted with the response of Royce Simmons, the new Australian coach of Hull. "It's stupid. Two premier teams, both with big support and a good chance of making the final, will now dash before the competition has properly started," he said.

"It's vet another match in too crowded a season," said Monie, who will be relieved to leave after four years at Wig-an. Soon after he spoke, the 35 chib chairmen met to agree the small print of an even more congested league programme next year.

Monie said Hull's 14-13 win at Central Park in September would have no great significance. Simmons agreed, saying that both sides have since improved. "They were poor that day, but haven't lost again, while we're much stronger at half back and are coming good right now after a blip," he said.

A first-round tie at Dewsbury, of the third division, awaits the winner. Widnes also have to play in the preliminary round, meeting Swinton at home on January

There are three all first division matches in the first round. Castleford, who reached the final last season. have been drawn away at Warrington, a resurgent Wakefield travel to Salford and Leigh have a difficult task away to Sheffield. The 15 rebei Hull Kingston

Rovers players will probably call off their strike over bonus payments today, after agree-ing on the basis of an offer at a meeting with the Craven Park bound.

A full squad will be available for the club's home league match on Sunday, which will take place should their opponents, Warrington, be knocked out of the Regal Northern in a second-round replay at Odsal.

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DRAW: Preliminary round: Wigan v Hun, Batley v Blackpool, Widnes v Swinton Matches to be played on January 17. First round: Dewistury v Wigan or Hull, Warnington v Castelord, Leeds v Barrow, Huddersleid v Nottingham City, Feotherstone Rowers v St Hatens: Chorley Borough v Batley or Blackpoot; Hunslet v Ryedalevort; Salford v Wakafield Thinly, Hatilat v Carlsile, Rochdale Homots v Doncacter, Bradford Northern v Workington Town Whiteheven v Winnes or Swinton Hull Kingston Rowers v Bramloy, Shoffield Engles v Leigh; Oldham v London Crusaders; Keighley v Heghfield ers; Keighley v Highfield Matches to be played January 30 and 31.



divisions, but with no chance of winning the title, having lost both their championship

games, look forward to next season: therefore the centre, Bryan Barley, 32, is dropped and no place is found for Wade Dooley, the England lock, who is likely to be in his last representative season.

returns only so far as the

refurns only so far as the replacements' bench.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST (Bath unless stated): J Calland, N Basil (Northernoton), J Guscott, P die Glarwise, S Morris (Gloucestar); S Barrese (Japhan), R Hatt C Clark (Swarsee), K Dunn (Wasps), D Comption, J Hall, N Redman, A Blackmore (Bassol), A Robinson, B Causa.

NORTH-ERN DIVISIONE I Martin (North-smpton); T Underwood (Lacestar), K Simme (Livespool St Helene, captain), J Plactice (Tynedday), R Underwood (Lacester); P Gassoon (Waterloo), D Morris (Dreet); M Hynes (Orred), SMitchel (Wast Hardepool), M Whitocombe (Sale), M Greenwood (Wasps), D Bactwin (Sale), K Wastparth (Wast Hardepool), A Brown (Wast Hardepool), T Rodber (Northernoton).

North drop Dooley to build for the future

even though Will Carling is available, but the South-West - who play the Midlands at Leicester - have lost Jonathan Webb and John Mallett. Webb is replaced by his Bath colleague, Jon Callard, and Darrell Crompton, a replacement at tight-head prop against London, is retained. Victor Ubogu, out of action for three weeks after playing for England against South Africa,

lian back row player, will

Francescato moves to the centre against Scotland make his third appearance for Italy having previously repre-ITALY have named only eight of the side that lost to Wales

earlier this season for their team to face Scotland A at Meirose on Saturday (Alan Lorimer writes). Among the eight is Ivan Francescato, the talented scrum half and the scorer of one of the best individual tries in the last World Cup, who will be fielded at centre.

over at scrum half, partnering Diego Dominguez, the former Argentine player and another of the Italian successes in the World Cup. There are also changes of position for Giovanni Grespan, who moves from prop to hooker. and Paulo Vaccari, who will play on the wing against the Scots having appeared at full back against Wales. Julian Gardner, the former Austra-

FOR THE RECORD

lia's retired captain and scrum half, has been named personality of the year by the Rugby

ball into his stumps, trying to pull. Azharuddin seldom SNOW REPORTS

e 110 330 poor open sunny (Runs below 1,800m very poor. Good skiing on glacier)30 170 fair open surmy 5C 12/12 (Good skling overall. 12 lifts, 31 pistes open) e 120 200 good open sunny (Extensive skiing, 39 lifts/59 pistes, Link to Tignes open) Les Deux Alpes . 35 220 good open sunny 5C 8/12 (Best skring on gracier, 25 pistes/17 lifts open) Val Thorens 150 350 good open summy 5C 12/12 (Cold, dry snow on slopes, 9/16 lifts open) fine 2C 11/12 Cheteeu d'Oex .. 15 45 poor poor (Resort opens on December 19) AUSTRIA 15 80 felt poor sunny (Thin snow cover on lower runs. 5 lifts open) Alphach

......... 15 75 poor poor sunny (Best skiling in pass Thurm. 25 lifts/28 pistes open) 3C13/12 Kitzbühe 160 fair poor (Some runs to village open) 1C 12/12 poor sunny ... 35 45 good fair sun (Some runs to village open, 5/16 lifts open) SUDITY 30 270 good open sunny (Well-groomed pistes, 19/78 lifts open) 15 60 good open fine (Best skiling on Maenliches, 16/23 lifts open) 15 10 good poor sunny (Thin cover on lower slopes, 17/30 lifts open) Zeti am See

... 135 250 good open fin (Compact snow base. 22 lifts/23 pistes open) Courmeyeur 135 250 90 120 good open sunny (Cold, dry snow. Compact base. 18/23 lifts open) UNITED STATES 0 120 good open snow CC 15/12 (Light snow today, 5/8 lifts running) Jackson Hole 60 120

fine -3C 14/12 Steamboat 80 100 good open (29 lifts/98 pistes open) Supplied by Ski Hotline. L and U refer to lower and upper slopes

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Miami Dol-phine 20, Los Angeles Raiders 7. ATHLETICS

HONOLULU: Marathon: Men: 1, B Maaye (Kneya), 2hr 14min 19esc; 2, C Ndell (Kenya), 214:28; 3, D Tesbe (SA), 2:18.54. Weidenbach (LB), 2:32.13; 2, L Weidenbach (LB), 2:38.51; 3, R Lamettinen (Fin), 2:39.21 BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 108, Denver Nuggets 89.

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: South region: Donyati bt Bridport, 88-74 (12 points to four): Dorchester bt late of Perbeck, 76-98 (12-4); Stour Vela bt Wesworthy, 100-98 (14-2); Iminister bt Yeovil, 90-69 (14-2). North region: Bentham bt Dean, 117-50 (16-0); Gloucester bt Certerton, 87-85 (14-2); Chipping Norton bt Thamesdown, 101-51 (16-0), Westlecot bt Colswold, 85-59 (16-0).

CRICKET TOUR MATCHES: Natrobi CC 189-4dec, King's, Macclesteld 108-4; King's, Mac-clesteld 90-8, Natrobi Under-19 91-1;

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Turkey 1, Holland 1 (in Islanbul). NEWILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0, Wattord 2; buinden 2, Nemich 3. SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Ges Tro-phy; Fouth round repley; North Hens 4, Bristol 1, Middlesex (under-19) Tye Cup: Final: St Ignetius 4, Harrow Weeld 1. Lete results on Monday ALITOGLASS TROPHY: Plest sound: Scun-thorpe 2, Lincoln 2 MEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chalses O, Windledon 1; Crystal Palace 1, Fulham O. PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Barratey 1, Newcastle 2. Second division: Prastion 2, Grimsty 5.

FA TROPHY: Third round, second replay: Poole 2, Beshiey 4. Third round qualifying: Postponed: VS Rugby v Sutton Cotdeol, BARCLAYS COUMERCAL SERVICES CUP: Third round: Chelmsted 2, Sudbury

2. HPS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Rossendals 1, Curzon Aethori ? First division cup: Gulesiey 1, Warmigton 0. Dhallingin Cup: Calemarton 3, Aethon 2.

SÖNY WÖFLD RANKINGS (US uniteen stated): 1. N Falcio (GB), 22.29pts ange; 2, F Couples, 16.95; 3, 1 Woomen (SP. 12.96; 4, 8 Lungar (Gay), 12.94; 5, J. M Olezábai (Sp), 12.87; 6, G Norman (Aus).

ICE HOCKEY MTERNATIONAL MATCH PRESENT, 3den 3 (in Holschit). NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flames 3, Detroit Red Wings 0 REAL TENNIS

CLUB WATCH: Lymington 4, Anny 1 (Lymington names first): J Blakey bit R

11.99; 7, J Cook, 11.99; 8, N Price (Zin), 11.51; 9, P Azinger, 11.10; 10, D Love, 10.45; 11, T Yile, 9.72; 12, 8 Bellesteros 50, 9.66; 13, M O'Mesra, 9.5; 14, M Ozald (Japons, 9.17; 15, R Provd, 9.05; 16, C Pastr, 8.99; 17, B Lutzles, 8.45; 18, Bidrigan (Auc), 7.82; 19, M McNuty (Zin), 7.53; 20, C Montgomente (GB), 7.39. ACADEMY: Second division: Selford 40, Leigh 24. RACKETS QUEEN'S CLUB, Landon: Public ethock

Whitelaw, 6-5, 6-2; C Wade br J English, e-5, 6-2; C Stone bt C Vyuyan, 6-0, 6-2; P Bromwich bt I Park-Weir, 6-3, 6-2; H Dalton lost to D Aliban, 5-6, 4-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

championathip: Juniors (under-15)- First tourist: S Arigus (Rugby) bt P Hersby (Marborough), 15-7, 15-8; C de Segundo (Eton) bt D Hill (Melvern), 15-0, 15-1; J Howe (Torsbridge) bt T Hale (Chefterham), 15-3, 15-12; P Hulme (Hallsyday) bt R Hermay (Cillion), 15-10, 7-15, 15-7, C

DAYSEXTURES

Aberdeen v Rancers

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless albied FA Cup Second-round replays
Bournemouth v Chettenham (7.45)

Colchester v Gillingham (7.45) Hereford v Yeovil (7.45) Marlow v VS Rugby Woking v Brighton (all ticket, 7.45) Coca-Cola Cup Fourth-round replays Chelsea v Eventon (7.45) _____ Crystal Palace v Liverpool (8.0) ____ Anglo-Italian Cup

Group A Ascol v Portsmouth (1.30). Group B Cremonese v Bristol City (1.30)... Regglane v Derby (5.0)...... Tranmere v Cosenza

First round Scottish Leegue Premier division

First division Hamilton v Meadowbank FIRST DIVISION: Postponed: Morton 1 HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cobyn Gay v Marine; Horwich v Mossley. Fire division: Rossandiau v Outon Auhum (provisional).

CANOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Ouarter-treds (7.45): Crusaders v Cifforvite Glanician v Ards; Linfleid v Glanicvon; Nawy v Casads. Gierron, Norry v Casiok.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First disision: Asson Wile v Brethid Wommonly

(7.0); Manchester Linited v Stoke (7.0);
Surderkand v Bolton (7.0); Wolves v
Blackburn (7.0), Second division; BurnleyHuddersheld (7.15); Hull v Blackpool;
Mansfeld v Brethon (7.0); Middlesbrough v
Coventy (7.0); Sounthope v West
Brommach (7.0); Wigen v Post Vale (7.0);

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Prefiminary round: Extre Vale v Massing Park. round: EDDW ville V Messleg Perk.
NEVILLE OVENDEN: COMENVATION:
First division: Totanham v Brighton (2.0),
Postponed: Portamouth v OPR Second
division: Bristol Rovers v Cheltenham,
Essler v Swansea (7.0). Postponed:
Birmingham v Cardill; Bournerrouth v
Plymouth.

Phymoun.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE Challenge Cap: Second round
replay: Cizheros v Esstwood Hantey.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland devalutat: Eventum v Greeley (provisional).

Southern division: Canterbury City v

Saingbounte (provisional).

RUGBY UNION Club matches RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy Bradiord v Warrington Stones Bitter championship

Walters (Harrow) bt J Mount (Mariborough), 15-4, 15-8; J Pyemont (Tonbindge) bt E Brown (Cheltenham), 15-2, 15-13; A Fasconer (Makem) bt A Aarvold (Tonbindge), 15-1, 15-6; D Trembarn (Wellington) bt 7 Seymou-Mead (Makem), 15-6, 10-15, 15-1; G Smith-Bingham (Eton) bt P Hediey (Wellington), 15-4, 15-10; W Chambes (Chellenham) bt E Matthews (Winchester), 15-7, 16-15; B Dean (Radley) bt M Howat (Willington), 15-10, 15-6, M Hardinges (Makem) bt T Hughes (Cheltenham), 15-8, 15-12

CUEEN'S CLUB, London: BWTA Christmes tournament: First round: S Nicholson
Surrey) in F Heam (Midddd, 8-3, 6-1, C.
Pryce (Somersel) bit L Cox (Surrey), 6-3, 7-6,
K Roubanova bit D James (Middd), 2-8, 6-2,
6-2, J McMelhon (Sussed) bit J Braquandas
(Middd, 6-2, 6-4; S Boulding (Yorle) bit N
Adams (Surrey), 6-1, 6-0; N Glise (Surrey) bit
J Wooley (Sussen), 6-1, 6-0; J Smith
(Middd) bit N Crane (Dorsel), 6-1, 6-3; J
Bodan (Surrey) wo V hvine (Essen), 6-7, 6-3; J
Bodan (Surrey) wo V hvine (Essen), 6-7, 6-1,
6-1, L Ogen (Warwicke) bit E Nichola (Wiss),
3-6, 8-1, 6-2; L Austin (Sussen) bit C Fick
(Surrey), 6-0, 6-2; V Humphreys-Davios
(Cambs) bit C Fick
(Surrey) bit C Lanes (Essen), 6-2, 6-2
For Melis (Essen) bit J Brown (Mont), 6-0,
6-0; S Bentley (Surrey) bit J Lessifer (Hanto),
6-2, 6-1,
MELBOURINE: Colonial' Musual Classife

6-2, 6-1.

MELBOURINE: Colonial Mutual Classic tournament: Mer: Round-robin entitle-tournament: No. Bonafe; (Aus) bt J Stotischberg (Aus), 7-3, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) bt T Gooding (Aus), 6-3; Momen: WTA
Tour: Prest round: R Studbs (Aus) bt Nauchtet (Ber), 6-1, 6-3; H Sournag (Austhal) bt K Godindge (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; M Morter (Aus) bt L Freid (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; M Morter (Aus) bt L Freid (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; M Audins (Aus) bt N Freit (Aus), 6-2, 7-5; K Shappe (Aus) bt N Freit (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; E DeLone (US) bt N Radford (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; E DeLone (US) bt N Radford (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; E Shappe (Aus) bt K-A Guse (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; T Price (SA) bt D Warmelrick (Holl), 6-3, 7-5; U Bushewitse (Left bt Classice (N2), 7-6, 6-1, 8-3; T Price (SA) bt D Warmelrick (Holl), 6-3, 7-5; U Bushewitse (Left bt Classice (N2), 7-6, 1-8, 4, 5 Taking (Dro) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; T Krozan (Slov) bt J Phyme (Aus), 6-2, 6-5; 7-5, 7-5

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Russian worry

Moscow: Valentin Balakh-nichov, president of the Russian athletics federation, acknowledged that the country's sporting image could suffer after four athletes were expelled from Sweden when customs officers found anabolic steroids in the suitease of one of the athletes' trainers.

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Carrick Lanes to spark Dace defies orders | Bitofabanter early leader double for Dunwoody to give Rowe double

RICHARD Dunwoody, setting a strong pace in the jockeys' championship this season, can enjoy a profitable trip to Bangor today by landing a double through Carrick Lanes (12.40) and Over And Above (2.30).

Carrick Lanes, trained by David Nicholson, made a pleasing seasonal debut at Newbury last month when staying on for second place behind the fortunate winner, Yorkshire Gale.

Mad Thyme had taken the measure of Yorkshire Gale on the run-in, but unseated Mark Perrett close home. However, Yorkshire Gale underlined his potential by winning again at Cheltenham last Friday.

So the way looks clear for Carrick Lanes to open his account in the Maesien National Hunt Novices' Hurdle today.

Over And Above, who runs in the Barkin Developments Handicap Chase, has run consistently well this term without catching the judge's eye. He was a close-up second to No Grandad at Huntingdon last time out, and may make his fitness tell against one of Gordon Richards's two hopefuls, Cliffalda,

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

The Greystoke trainer should not leave the meeting empty-handed however, as his Better Times Ahead can collect the Cross Foxes Novices'

An above-average novice hurdler who beat Tyrone Bridge last season, Better Times Ahead was a creditable fourth behind Mighty Mogul in the Tote Silver Trophy at Chepstow early last month before graduating to the big-ger obstacles on this course at the end of November.

This useful six-year-old had little difficulty in landing the odds over an extended three miles that day, beating Con-cert Paper by three-and-a-half Now tackling a half-mile

Ahead comes up against one of Mary Reveley's novices, Candy Tuft, who is tackling fences for the first time. Candy Tuft ran up a sequence of four hurdle victories

shorter trip, Better Times

Better Times Ahead to put his. experience to good advantage

here, and he is my nap.

Another likely Nicholson winner is Fast Study in the Wynnstay Hunt Supporters Club Handicap Chase.

This seven-year-old takes on handicap company for the first time, but is leniently treated with just 10st 11b and has plenty of scope for improvement.

At Exeter, Toby Balding's Anna Valley, who fell at Warwick last week when in contention, can make amends for that lapse by capturing the Herald Express Mares Only Novices' Handicap. Nicklup, who won gamely at Hunning-

don, looks the danger.

Martin Pipe looks booked for a double with The Black Monk (1.10) and King's Rank (1.40) and another local trainer Philip Hobbs can take the South-West Racecourses Series Handicap Hurdle with Miami Splash.

On the all-weather at Lingfield, Jack Berry's speedy Another Episode can capture the Toinha Claiming Stakes, while Julie Cecil's course and distance winner Krishma should complete a double in the Source Limited Handicap.

RICHARD Rowe saddled his a double, at the rewarding first double at Folkestone yesterday - thanks to his jockey disobeying orders. Claiming rider Luke Dace

was under clear instructions to drop out his mount Devil's Valley at the rear of the field in the Shaddoxhurst Condtional Jockeys' Handicap Chase.

He promptly made all at a fierce pace, pushing for all he was worth until his rivals were out of touch.

Dace must have been relieved that the inevitable onset of leg-weariness came too late to prevent his mount holding on by six lengths from Secret Rite.

Devil's Valley was led in by Charlie Burnett-Wells, the amateur rider who had earlier kicked off the stable's 48-1 double when Thuhool won the Levy Board Handicap Hurdle led up by Dace. Thuhool, however, is less

keen to share the work-load. When he's not lying down asleep, he's eating," reported Rowe. "He's been the most difficult horse to get fit." But Thuhool put up an energetic display here, running out an easy ten-length

winner while his rivals flour-

John Upson also registered

dered in the sticky ground.

odds of 188-1. His mare Letterfore found life easier in the Tattersalls Mares Only Novices' Chase than she did behind Barton

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Saturday. Jumping well throughout, she beat Duo Drom by two lengths and looks a live hope for the series final at Uttoxeter.

Bank at Cheltenham last

Upson's double was com-pleted when May-Day-Baby sprang a 20-1 shock in the Dover National Hunt Novices' Hurdle, making the most of odds on Croft Mill's poor



Upson: rewarding Folkestone double

in The Ladbroke betting

By MICHAEL SEELY

progressive Mighty Mogul has been given II stone.

The favourite is only set to

receive a pound from Baydon

Star, who has won three races

easily this season and who is

due to tackle better-class oppo-

sition in the HSS Hire Shops

Hurdle at Ascot on Saturday.

still go for the Irish Champion

Hurdle on January 31. "I'm

not likely to have a runner in

The Ladbroke," said Mark

Tompkins. "Jungle Knife has

got 10st 6lb and he is more likely to go for the New Year's

This race is also an immedi-

ate target for the William Hill

Day Hurdle at Windsor."

(£2,710: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

Predictably, Halkopous will

BITOFABANTER, the winner of last season's valuable Swinton Hurdle at Haydock Park, was yesterday installed favourite at 8-1 with the sponsors for the £60,000 The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on January 9.

Arthur Moore has already won Ireland's richest handicap hurdle five times, on the first occasion with Irian in 1979 and most recently with Roark in 1988.

But, like the noted poker player that he is, the Kildarebased trainer refuses to go overboard about his chances of gaining a remarkable sixth victory with the five-year-old, who has been allotted 9st

"He's fairly harshly treated. considering that he only won a sub-standard Swinton," he said. "Although he was third in the November Handicap on the Flat this autumn, that wasn't a very good race either. But it's the race he's got to go for and Tom Taaffe will ride." Some chance that Bitofabanter has, his handicap mark is not as lenient as it might appear. Halkopous has been allotted 12 stone after his

spreadeagling win in last Sat-

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urday's Bula Hurdle and the Hurdle runner-up, Kilcash. The Ladbroke is also a possibility," said Peter Hedger, "but I'll have to talk to the owners about it first."

The most interesting horse is the easy Cesarewitch winner, Vintage Crop, who has been allotted an apparently harsh 10st 6lb in view of the five-year-old's modest achievements over hurdles to date.

On the home front, no decision was reached yesterday about Münnehoma's participation in Saturday's SGB Chase at Ascot. But Toby Balding said that Romany King will now join Cool Ground in a two-pronged Whitcombe attack.

LADBROKE WEIGHTS : Histopous 12st-Othe Mighty Mogut 11-0-10 Integral 10-10 Jungle Kritie 10-6 Vintage Crop 10-6 Mulr Station 10-4 Natural Ability 10-3 Eyelid 10-2 Crowded House 10-1 Baydon Star 10-0 Cock Cockburn 10-0 Lift And Load 10-0 Starksharter 2-19 Halloopous Crowded House Baydon Star Cock Cockburn Lift And Load Starsbanter Novello Allegro Sanndila Back Door Johnny Kiloash

1.30 WYNNSTAY HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB HANDICAP CHASE

last season and is dearly a promising sort, but I expect MANDARIN THUNDERER 12.40 Anne Valley 12.40 Anna Valley. 1.10 The Black Monk. 1.10 The Black Monk. 1.40 OBIE'S TRAIN (nep). 1.40 King's Rank. 2.10 Cartax 2.10 Champagne Run. 2.40 Coole Dodger. 3.10 Miami Splash. 3.10 Miami Splash. RICHARD EVANS: 3.10 Mismi Solesh. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 Pop Song. GOING: SOFT 12.40 HERALD EVEDESS MADES ONLY MORRESS HANDWOOD

| | | | 1,516: 2m 3f 110yd) (13 runners) |
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| | - 2 | 4125-68 | BROUGHTON MANOR 6 (D.F.E) (W Cook) Mrs J Roller 7-11-10 M. A Fizzperald - |
| | 3 | 5F-041 | NICKLUP 22 (S) (Lord Cadocard T Forster 5-11-5 |
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| | 5 | P40F-14 | DEXTEROUS LADY 43 (C.F) (R Shew) C James 6-10-11 S Michell 🔮 |
| | 6 | 1/5005- | HOW OOUDO 289 (5) (F Lee) S Christian 5-10-10 |
| | 7 | 5-6FU01 | MRSS CAPULET 32 (B) (C P Recing) T Dometty 5-10-7 |
| | 8 | 294 | PRUDENT PEREY 41 Oks J McCornect) R Frest 5-10-2 |
| | 9 | 060050- | GLITTERBIRD 229 (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-10-1 R Greene (3) 92 |
| | 10 | 060FP-F | BARONESS ORKZY 27 (Mrs C Palerson) W & M Torrer 8-10-0 P Holley: 78 |
| | - 11 | PPPP-44 | JANET SCIES 29 (G Raiscount) N Ayette 6-10-0 \$ Fox (7) 81 |
| | 12 | 0/00000/ | FAIRRELD'S BREEZE 652 (D'Hotos) R Dishin 7-10-0 |
| | 13 | P-50 | JUST NELLY 41 (Min 8 Milks) J Marins 6-10-0 |
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| 2 | 531B11 | THE BLACK MONK 11 (V.CD.F.S.S) (Pipe/Scutimore) M Pipe 4-11-9 P Scutimore | |
| 3 | F/P600- | BUSTONAMI 240 (R Turvey) C Poptam 6-11-5 | _ |
| 4 | DE/USPF | RIVER REST 20 (A Merry) in Maggeridge 6-11-5 | _ |
| 5 | OLHOP-8 | MELDON 27 (D James) Mrs J Rober 5-11-3 | _ |
| 6 | 0-3540U | CORPRISH COSSACK 2 (D Crates) D Barons 5-11-1 | 75 |
| 7 | 00 | GARDENERS BOY 112 (Miss M Shires) T Hatest 4-11-1 | - |
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| 9 | DP- | SONNY JAMES 375 (G Maundrell) & Maundrell 8-11-1 | - |
| 10 | 0P240-3 | THE MERCHER & (G Edwards) G Edwards 5-11-0 A Magain | 8 |
| 13 | 025250/ | MECADO 590 (Midsword Ltd) F Yarday 5-10-11 | - |
| 12 | HDP6- | SEXTON 217 (Mrs. S Hooper) N Ayelle 7-10-11 W twins | ~ |
| 13 | | CLEAR COMEDY 421F (R Frost) R Frost 4-10-9 | ~ |
| 14 | P-SJ14F | BAYBRELAY 21 (G) (A Taylor) R Brotherion 5-10-5 J Osborne | 5 0 |
| 15 | p.p | SPIRIT LEVEL 6 (J Payne) J Payne 4-10-2 C Mande | - |
| BETT | 10-11 | The Brack Monk, 5-2 The Medic, 7-1- Propins Guard, 8-1 Berbergny, 10-1 Contists Cons | ø, |
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| THE BLACK MONK best Northern Optimist 71 in a | ī | Express to a movice hurdle at Tauston (2m 11, soil), |
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| BETTING: 7-4 Kings Rank, 2-1 Cible's Trate, 9-2 Isle-O-Valle, 7-1 Minutes, 12-1 The Decrei Arctic, 14-1 Water | • |

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| CRESS RAMK 1991 2nd of 17 to Everado in a condicap hurdie at Unconter on penulthrate start as season (Sim, 2013) and was well beaton on only star over fences. OSE'S TRAIN 159 2nd of 4 to investing Wrong in a novice classe at Newhork Sim, 5591. SEEO-MALLA 48 2nd of 10 to Love OF The Rocks Sim, 5591. | 110yd, beavyl, with HOLLY BROWN unstanded in 3rd. MRIAMAC 37½1 6th of 14 to Strong Beau in novice chase at Strations on perusticale start, 57 110yd, good). FRED SPLEIGHO 21 for of 5 Northern Saddler in a movies handicap chase Tauston has manife (2m 31, good). Tauston has manife (2m 31, good). | | | |

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD 1 113143 GOOD TIMES 15 (BF.F.B.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... Racogurd number. Shi-Squire force (F — Intl. P — pulled up. V = usessed rider. B = brought. Soing no which horse has some (F = first, good to close). Roser's name. Days since lest number F = Vista. B = brought. And B = brought. B2.10 DEVON & CORNWALL NEWSPAPERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,670; 2m 2f) (10 junners)

| - 1 | 0480-PP | 17'S SD 6 (S) (A Kosky) W G Turner 8-11-10 | Times Turner | 1 |
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| 2 | 200-805 | CARFAX 4 (G.S) (Mrs P O'Connell) R Hoad 7-11-8 | M Hoad | Š |
| 3 | 0630P2 | CHAMPAGNE FUN 21 (V,C,F,G) (T Cooner) W G M Tomer 7-11-6 | H Davies I | i |
| - 4 | | NOSLE EYRE 21 (F.S.S.) (A Sonith) D Gazdolio 11-10-7 | | |
| | | CHARMED FM SURE 21 (8,019) (Goog of the late P Dening) P Morphy 5-1 | | |
| - 6 | 204800 | YAMBU 6 (B.F.S) (Mrs E Tapillo) J Tapillo 7-10-7 | r D. Saller (7) | ě |
| 7 | APOPO-0 | PUNCHBAG SD (C.S) (H & H Razing) & Ham 8-10-8 | M A Pazonrald | |
| | 124-440 | WHIPPERS DELIGHT 4 (6.5) (5 Tindel) 6 Claries-Jones 4-10-6 | E McKinley | â |
| 9 | 5PPP-16 | HAND IN GLOVE 23 (S) (R Hartuga) R Brotherton 6-70-5 | D Bridgwater | i |
| | | TRUST DEED 11 (8) (F (2016) Mrs A Knight 4-10-0 | | |
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| BETT | DIG: 2-1 1 | Withouse Delete, 11-4 Chastman Rus, 4-1 Holds Pers, 11-2 Hand to | Storn, 7-1 Cari | |
| 10-1 | Charmed I | Whispers Deligiti, 11-4 Charategner Run, 4-1 Nobile Pyre, 11-2 Hand in ' 'on Sure, 14-1 Trans Deed, 18-1 Punching, 20-1 offens. | | |
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| SETTING: 2-1 Whispers Deligit, 11-4 Cheminger Run, 4-7 Noble Byrn, 11-2 Hard in 10-1 Cheminal Fox Sure, 14-1 Year Deed, 18-1 Purching, 20-1 others. | Elova, 7-1 | |
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| 2.40 WESTERN MORNING NEWS HANDICAP CHASE (E3,402: 2m 71 110yd) (15 numers) | . • |
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| 1 1453LF WINABUCK 11 (D.F.B.S) (M. Eusten) R Dicker P-11-18 P. O'Conner 1 PP/1PP- TROUT ANGLER 256 (C.F.B.S) (Mes P O'Conner Mess P O'Conner 1 | _ D 1-11-1 |

FORM FOCUS CODILE DODGER 151 45n of 5 to Glock A Buck in a lamificate chase at Forthers (2m 2f, said). PLAYPEN 15-2 and of 6 to Provider Boy in a transform chase at Faunton (3m, firm). WHATA 70 DO 171 45h of 8 to Very Very Driftnery in a happilicap chase at Towardster (2m 6f, soft). UNIDER OFFER 101 3nd of 17 to Ausnibura in a happilicap chase at Window (3m, soft), with COLO-NEL O'KELLY (some isomo; 9%) 6th and MCRIT-GDMENY (1th bester oil) 1%) 7th. ROWING SEAL 28%) 3rd of 7th Gonnal Marchani in a confidence includes selfing classe at Frontecell (2m, 22, soft). Annie De POMME 29() 3rd of 7 to Tort in a

| 3.10 SOUTH-WEST RACECOURSES SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: Round V: £2,005: 2m 2f) (8 runners) |
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| 1 0211-04 SHADEDX 43 (C.F.S) (A Joynson) Mrs J Reter 6-12-0 |
| Lean handistic Cartnett's Choice 9-12, 9oneto 9-2. |

| 4 15/4-412 MAME SPLASH 31 (6) (6) Weeking P Hobber 5-11-6- 5 624P1- HIGH BARDIN 240 (7) (R Amer) R Alser 5-11-3- 5 10/34-10 SOUTH SANDS 27 (CD.) Foly Diles A Yeo) Mas J Woomsook 7 10/34-10 SOUTH SANDS 27 (CD.) Foly Diles A Yeo) Mas J Woomsook 8 4044-04 BORRETO 29 (C Lames) C Justes 6-10-0- Long Insolitatic Carseelf's Choice 9-12, Soveto 9-2. BETTING, 11-8 Manni Splash, 3-1 Austhorpe Sursel, 100-30 Calcius, 5 | R Ainer (3) 16 10-4 Mm C Wonsacott (7) 10-0 Miles T Homeyball (7) E James (7) |
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| hundle over course and distance (good). CELCUS good), with AUST best Mixter Oddy 41 in a 5-resper Leicester condi- | cap taude at Wincanion (7 THORPE SURSET (19th bear BARON best Grand Francia) |

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| P Hobbs | 21 | 125 | 16.8 | Peter Hobbs | 15 | 130 | 17.1 16.7 |

Mandarin (Michael Phillips) was in sparkling form at Folkestone yesterday. He napped Buddington (5-2) and his other winners included Letterfore (8-1) and Second

Folkestone

(nurdies)
12.15 (2m 11 110yd hdie) 1, THUHOOL
(Mr C Burnelt-Walls, 13-2); 2, Galliant
Effort (H Davies, 4-1); 3, Eastern Magic (A
Maguire, 7-4 fay), ALSO RAN; 5-2 Zealous
Kitten (5th), 12 Osture (5th), 33 Jokes Jack
(ath), 6 fan, 10, 10, 15, 15, 15, 18 Rowe 8t
Stommoton, Tote: \$7.30; \$2.20, \$2.20, DF;
\$17.30, CSF; \$28.40.

Str.30. CSF: \$28.40.

12.45 [2m 11 110yd hole) 1, SECOND

CALL (M Perrett, 11-2; 2, Boogle Bopper
(P Soutemore, 11-8 tay); 3, Thinking
Twice (R Durwcoody, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 5
Hoticaly sleand, 9 Red Jack (4th), 12 Buck
Comiess, 20 Andribitie, 33 Ima Red Nack
(p.i), Another Virtage (5th), Up All Night
(8th), 50 Cavo Greco, Fairspear, Freephone (pui, Counter Blast (pui), Universed
(pui, 15 m. 4l. 2, 11-1, 12, 12, 16 Harwood
at Puthorough, Toke 55.30, £2.30, £1.10,
£1.40, DF: £2.40, CSF: £15.16,
1.15, Can 61 110vd hole) 1, MICKS E1.40. DF: E9.40. CSP: E13.1b.

1.15 (2m 61 10yd hdie) 1, MICKS
TYCOON (P Scudernore, 8-11 favi; 2.
Charite's Derting (A Maguite, 7-2); 3.
Tropicel Ace (A Toy, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8.
Grain Merchant (6th), 14 March Above (4th), 20 Child Of The Mast, Hurtad (pu). 33 Swed (6th), 8 rin. (4, 6, 8, 7, 90), M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.10, £1.50, DF, £3.40, CSF, £4.50, Tricast £12.14, Winner bought in for

4,000grs.

1.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, LETTERFORE (R. Supple, 8-1); 2, Duo Drofn (M.M. Lynch. 13-2); 3, Mighty Froite (D. Murphy, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 II-lay Stupid Cupil (5th). Norstock (8th), 8 Tharnesdrawn Toolsel (4th), 12 Love On The Rocks, 33 Stone Mediness. B risn. 2, 2th, 344, 201, 181, 31 Upson at Towcesier. Tota: 27.80; \$1.70, \$2.40, \$2.50. DF; \$35.60. CSF: \$2.57. \$2.40, \$2.50. DF: \$35.60. CSF: \$52.17.
2.15 (3m 2! ch) 1, \$UIDDINGTON (R. Farrari, 5-2 fav, Mandarin's nap); 2, Bonsei Bud (D Galagher, 6-1); 3, \$tasely Lover (J. Cabome, 4-1), ALSO (RAN: 5 \$tackpoeth (su), 6 Spuncer (pu), 9 Moze thy (5th), 16 Tent (pu), Admira's Leap (4th), 20 Jim Bowe (pu), 65 Another Troup (pu), 10 ran, 2, 101, 61, 121, T Forster at Wantage, Tota; 23.10; 21.50, 22.60, 21.70. DF: \$7.50, CSF: 217.68, Tricast: \$54.70. 24.65 (2th), ct.11, 125 (2th), ct.12, 24.65 (2th), ct.12, 25.65 (2t DF: £7.50. GSF: £17.66. Incase: £54.70.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, DEVIL: SVALLEY (L. Dace, 11-2); 2. Secret Rite (P. Hole: 11-6 law); 3. Cetic Chimes (R. Moors, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Greenwine (pul, 20 Manadarva (4th), 33 Commescopus (8th), 6 ran, 6, 30, 30, 81. R. Rower at Storington, Tote: £7.10; £3.00, £1.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £13.79. E3.00, £1.50, DF: £4.20, CSF: £13.79.

3.15 (2m 6! 110yd hdb) 1, MAY-DAY-BABY (R Supple, 20-1); 2, Early Man (Peter Hobbs, 7-2); 3, Sworded Knight (A Maguire, 20-1), ALS (RAN: 46 tay Croft Mag, 11-2 Rein Down (6th), 14 Waterhord Cestle (4th), 25 Chuldenio, 50 Uncoln Lieder (ou), Intel III (bul), Power Happy (pu), Arm in Arm (6th), 11 ran. 191, 2, 14, 71, 294, 1 Upson. at Towoseter. Tote: £13.50; £2.10, £1.50, £3.10, DF: £24.00. CSF: £37.42. Southwell Going: standard

E17.90. CSF: £21.83.

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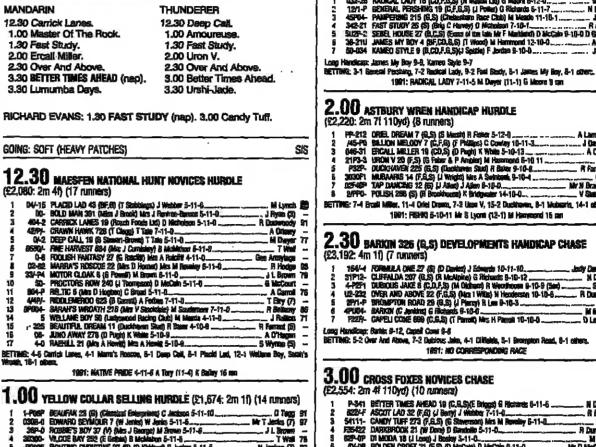
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Pay deadlock for stable lads RACING'S stable staff vester-

day failed to win a pay rise for next year. The Stable Lads Association (SLA) presented a claim for an increase of four per cent

on the current minimum rate. But negotiations broke down when the SLA met the National Trainers' Federation NTF) in the National Joint Council.

The SLA was also seeking an extra week's holiday for some staff, and the establishment of a fixed ratio of three horses to one lad. But the NTF reported that

owners were unwilling to accept higher training fees, and no increase in pay or holidays could be offered.

However it suggested that negotiations be re-opened in six months' time should the on the ratio of horses to

lads, the NTF said that cases of possible abuse should be referred to the Jockey Chub. Greyhounds will be led on a march through central London today as greyhound racing authorities protest at the possible extension of bet-

ting shop hours.



Fitzsimmons: trained as a bare-knuckle fighter

British boxer who ruled the Wild West

Bob Fitzsimmons, Lennox Lewis's only British predecessor as champion, was the first man to hold world titles at three weights, in an era far renoved from the multi-million dollar purses and television deals that dominate the fight-

Fitzsimmons began his col-ourful career in the 1870s as a bare-knuckle fighter in New Zealand and, at its peak, when he also held the middleweight and light-heavyweight titles, he came into contact with some of the legendary figures of the American Wild

Cornwall, the son of a blackmith was taken as a child to birth. He was introduced to boxing by the bare-knuckle master, Jem Mace, and then stowed away to Australia to find further boxing opportu-nities. He switched there to

United States.
Spurred initially by taunts "bald-headed kangaroo"

Fitzsimmons quickly made an impact and secured his first world title in 1891, when he defeated the famous middleweight, Jack Dempsey, in

Although weighing less than 12 stone (Lewis's fighting weight is over 16 stone), Fitzsimmons was never troubled about conceding weight to his opponents. Having proved his superiority among the middleweights, he moved up in 1894 to the ranks of the heavyweights, where "Gen-tleman Jim" Corbett reigned. As with Bowe and Lewis, little love was apparently lost between Corbett and

deed his liberty, had in the for he was charged with first-degree manslaughter and faced a 20-year prison sen-

Fitzsimmons, and it was three years before Corbett

met the Englishman, who

was by now an American

fame and fortune in the Marcus Williams examines the extraordinary career of Bob Fitzsimmons, once disqualified at

gunpoint by Wyatt Earp and the only previous British world heavyweight boxing champion

tence when an opponent died after an exhibition contest. Medical evidence that the death of the man, who had for years been a heavy drinker, was caused by apoplexy and not by the effects of a punch, brought his acquittal.

Four months later, Fitzsimmons was arrested gain, this time on his way to challenge Corbett for the world heavyweight title. The governor of Arkansas said that Fitzsimmons was in breach of state laws in attempting to fight; Corbett called Fitzsimmons a dunderhead for getting caught and promptly amounced his re-

tirement from the ring. Unusually, Corbett named sor. Peter Maher, Irishman whom

Maher met again, in a bout not generally accepted as being for the world championship, and though Fitzsimmons had no trouble in the ring, knocking Maher out in the first round, there were all kinds of shenanigans

The match had been arranged to take place in Langtry, Texas, but when the boxers arrived, they found a posse of Texas Rangers armed with orders to stop them proceeding. It required the intervention and incenuity of the famous lawman. Judge Roy Bean, to ensure that they could go ahead. Bean arranged for a ring to be erected just across the officials and spectators trooped across a pontoon bridge over the Rio Grande.

and the marshal of Dodge City stood on guard, six guns drawn, to keep trouble-mak-

The bout was swiftly over and Fitzsimmons's manager was lauding his man's achievements from the ring when the pontoon bridge started to collapse. Fitzsimmons led the scramble back to safety in Texas all this for a minute's boxing! After being disqualified for

a low punch in a subsequent Earp, who ordered him from the ring at gunpoint when he tried to protest, Fitzsimmons eventually met Corbett on St Patrick's day, 1897, in Carson City, Nevada, It was the only state that would sanction the match, for which Corbett had come out of retirement to teach a lesson to "an over-rated nobody".

For six rounds, Corbett gave his challenger a lesson, getting through his guard and knocking him down for a turned thereafter, as Fitzsimmons altered his tac-

At the start of the four teenth round. Fitzsimmons's wife shouted: "Hit him in the slats [rihs]." Heeding the advice, he threw a left hand to Corbett's solar piexus that knocked all the stuffing out of him, and he failed to get off

his knees to beat the count. Fitzsimmons took to the road with a touring show and was not in the best condition when he defended his title at Coney Island in June 1899. He was knocked out in the eleventh round by James J. Jeffries, 13 years his junior and more than four stones heavier, and he lost in eight rounds during a returnmatch three years later.

Undaunted, however. created light-heavyweight title in 1903, before finally retiring from the ring in 1914. He died three years later in Chicago. Many Britons have since challenged for the world heavyweight championship, but until this week, the man from Cornwall

Defeat in Turkey could end Dutch hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals

Holland risk all on Gullit's return to international duty

FROM STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN ISTANBUL

HOLLAND, as they approach the most significant crossroads in their recent history, have tion. Here on the banks of the Bosphorus, the river which divides Europe and Asia, their future will this evening be determined.

If they lose to Turkey, they themselves recognise that their hopes of reaching the 1994 World Cup finals will have been all but extinguished. The team which captured the European title so gloriously in Germany four years ago will start to be dismantled.

If they win, they will regain their stature as one of the favourites to qualify from England's group. The Dutch football association expects no less. Johann Cruyff has alover from Dick Advocast, the manager, in the United States

in two years. Yet the Dutch have gained one point and even that was hard-earned. Having opened their campaign with a hum-bling defeat in Norway, they then found themselves 2-0 down at home to Poland. They recovered to draw but, according to Advocast, they are still teetering on the brink.

"Unless we win," he declared, "it is all over for us." The melodramatic statement was timed to precede the theatrical reappearance of Rund Gullit. For the sake of his country, the controversial figure is about to step out of both self-imposed international retirement and the Mila-

Gullit, objecting to the de-fensive role he was asked to fill during last summer's European championship, refused to play in the first two World Cup qualifying ties. In spite of completing only four games for AC Milan this season, he has been restored on the right side of the attack.

"If he is sharp and in form,"
Advocast explained, "we need him more than ever." The case is not underestimated. The Dutch are without the injured Basten, the most complete Bergkamp and the prolific van also doubtful.

Although Gullit claims that he has retained all of his admirable qualities in spite of undergoing several knee oper-ations, he insists that he "needs to play to find my rhythm". Advocaat, therefore, is taking the same risk as Graham Taylor, England's manager, who recalled the equally rusty Paul Gascoigne against Norway in October. Taylor has travelled to see for himself whether the gamble pays off and to review forth-coming opponents. England,

ing impetus or in the process of rebuilding. Their destiny is likely to be entwined with Gullit's. If they are no longer in contention, he is set to follow the route pursued by Gary Lineker and head for Japan. If Holland are still challenging for one of the two qualifying places, he will stay

in Europe, though almost certainly not with AC Milan, where he feels under-employed. He has expressed a desire to join Real Madrid. Gullit is not the only worry case with the Dutch, for all their ability in the outfield positions, doubts remain about the goalkeeping berth. Holland's coach was keeping

Wembley last month, are

scheduled to come here at the

end of March and to meet

the Dutch at home a month

to be either ominously gather-

By then, Holland promise

silent over the choice between Stanley Menzo, of Ajax, newly-recovered from a broken thumb and the more consis-tent, if less gifted, Ed de Goey,

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TURIGEY: Hayretin Demirbet: Riza Calimbay, Bulent Korkmaz, Recep Cetin, Goldan Keskin; Turgay Kemnoglu, Oguz, Cetin, Orhan Cikrikol; Halsen Sukur, Hami Mandral, Feyez Ucer.

HOLLAND (probable): S Menzo or E de Goey, S Skooy, R Kosman, W Jonk, F de Soer, F Rijkerd, J Wouters, R Wischige, R Gullic, M van Basten, P van Voseen.



Back where he belongs: Gullit has returned to international football

Cash worries haunt Coventry make Quinn move permanent

Brighton in Cup pect of being wound up before arriving at Kingfield for their FA Cup second-round replay with non-League Woking tonight (Louise Taylor writes). The second division club, and 1983 FA Cup finalists, are due in the High Court after falling to pay a PAYE demand from

the Inland Revenue.

The south coast side is £3 million in debt and itsboard is split on whether to accept a £4 million offer from developers Wyncote to buy the Goldstone Ground. Barry Lloyd, the Brighton managing director, hopes the club can secure its future by receiving planning permission to move to a site on the outskirts of Hove, where it plans to build a £23 million

Against Woking, a GM Vauxhall Conference side which reached the fourth round two years ago, Brighton are without their defender, Steve Foster.

The Surrey side — which beat West Bromwich Albion in the third round two years. ago — has six players requir-ing late tests, including Trevor Senior and David Puckett, but Tim Buzaglo will play.

Another side from the Conference, Yeovil, hopes to collect their sixteenth League scalp from a second-round replay at Hereford United with the victors at home to Arsenal. Cheltenham, of the Beazer Homes League, know that a win in their replay at Bourne-mouth would guarantee a trip to Blackburn Rovers.

By CHRIS MOORE

COVENTRY City, needing a change in fortune to revive their Premier League ambitions, left nothing to chance yesterday by making perma-nent the signing of the Newcastle United forward. Mick Quinn, for £250,000. Quinn's loan spell at Highfield Road was not due to expire until after this weekend's league game with Liver-pool, but, after an impressive scoring burst of six goals in his first four games, Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, was anxious to get the deal signed and sealed in case Quinn was tempted away by

another offer.

"His goalscoring record for us so far has been little short of phenomenal," Gould said yes-terday. "Now that we've got him permanently I can only

hope he will continue in this rich vein of form." Quinn, 30, scored twice on his Highfield Road debut against Manchester City, and

hit another brace against Southampton at The Dell last Saturday. In between, he was on target in Coventry's 1-1 draw at Sheffield United and the 2-2 draw with Ipswich Town. Nevertheless, despite scoring in all four games he has played in and establishing himself as the club's leading scorer so far this season, Quinn has still to finish in a

winning Coventry side.

Malcolm Allison is almost certain to remain in control of Bristol Rovers until the end of the season after Rovers extended their unbeaten run to four matches with a 4-0 victory over

Bristol City on Sunday.
"Malcolm's current contract is for three months and there is an option to take us to the out ban for his part in an end of the season," the club's altercation with coaching staff vice-chairman, Dunford, said yesterday. "T am sure that will happen, and we will talk about the long term future after that." Allison, 65, went to Rovers six weeks ago as a consultant coach to Dennis Rofe with the club struggling at the foot of the table. Within a week, Rofe

departed.
The West Ham United assistant manager, Harry Redknapp, will not face police charges after being accused of making obscene gestures to supporters during the club's 5-I win at Bristol City in September A report has, how-ever, been sent by Bristol police to the Football Association.

Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, was yesterday fined £500 and given a three-month dug-

of Airdriconians during a league match at Parkhead in October. Airdrie's assistant manager, John McVeigh, and coach, John Binnie, received the same punishment from the Scottish FA.

The Uefa Cup holders, Ajaz, were handed the ideal draw in their attempt to retain the trophy when they were drawn against Americ, of France, yesterday in the tournament's quarter-finals.

VIEFA CUP: Quarter-tinel daw: Real Madrid v Parts St Germain; AS Roma v Borussia Dortmund; Bernica v Juventus; Auserre v Alex. Matches to be played March 3 and March 17.

☐ Match No. 32 on Saturday's pools coupon, Maccles-field v Gateshead, is being played at Gateshead, al-though for pools purposes Macclesfield will be regarded

International Henley profit

centre opens

British tennis administrators put the latest piece of their development jigsaw in place yesterday when they unveiled a new training complex at Queen's Club. The £2 million Cellnet International Training Centre includes two indoor courts, a gym and fitness rooms.

Richard Lewis, the director of national training, said: This is the most valuable asset which represents a vital element in the programme to make it possible for our play-ers to compete at the highest

as the home team.

Rowing: The cost of staging Henley Royal Regatta exceeded £1 million for the first time in 1992 but, in spite of the economic climate and wet weather during regatta week, the stewards yesterday announced a net profit of £162,244 for the year. The Stewards' Charita-ble Trust, set up in 1988, pro-vided £66,000 towards junior towing in 1992.

Raiders out

American football: Miami Dolphins beat the Los Angeles Raiders 20-7 to eliminate the Raiders from contention for the National Football League

SKIING

Inspired Bianchi pushes Tomba into second place

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy: Patrice Bianchi, of France, edged out the local favourite, Alberto Tomba, to win the World Cup slalom here yesterday. Bianchi pulled up from fifth after the first leg to relegate the Italian to second place in a time of 1 min 35.12 sec.

Tomba, the World Cup champion, had an aggregati time of 1 min 35.23 sec on the Canale Miramonti piste to finish ahead of the Austrian,

Skiing on a course set by his own coach, Bianchi went for verything on the second leg. He almost fell on the lower part but recovered his balance o clock an impressive time of 49.88sec for the 59-gate run and dinch the second World

Cup win of his career. The result was a disappointment for a noisy crowd of about 15,000 who had come in the hope of seeing Tomba triumph in the last men's race scheduled for Italy this season. Tomba collected for second place lifted him to the top of the overall World Cup

The Italian, on 256 points.

leap-frogged Marc Girardelli. of Luxembourg, who is aim-ing for a record fifth overall title. Girardelli, winner of a giant slaiom in the Italian resort of Alta Badia on Sunday, has 247 points after finishing twentieth. The defending World Cup champion, Paul Accola, also had a disappointing day, finishing

seventeenth. Hubert Strok, of Austria the first man on the snow, set a blistering first-leg time of 44.34sec. But his joy was short-lived, for the race jury ruled he had straddled one of the early gates and disquali-

Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany, will host the men's World Cup downhill race called off in Val d'Isere, on December 4 because of high winds. It will be held on

130.53; B. J. Koer (stoy), 138.15; 10, 02. Furneeth (hold), 138 it B. Statom overalt; 1 Sylora, 169 pts; 2 equal: Blenchi and Fogdoe, 140; 4. H. Strotz (Austria), 120; 5. Tombs, 118. World Cup overalt; 1, Tomba 258; 2. M. Girsrdelli (Lind, 247, 3, J-E Thorsen (Hoz.), 197; 4, W. Bessie (Switz), 180; 5, Sylora, 169; 6, L. Stock (Austria), 150.

YACHTING

Safety first after a radar failure

By BARRY PICKTHALL

and his crew on Commercial Union stole the lead in the British Steel Challenge race ahead of John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric in the Southem Ocean yesterday.

Astern of them, the crew on Pride of Teesside, skippered by Ian MacGillivray, have been forced to head due north out of the iceberg zone after their radar failed. This sudden diversion, which will add at least 400 miles to their course. has already cost the crew three

In a message back to the race organisers, MacGillivray said: "It's disappointing, but I feel this is necessary for the safety of the crew and the yacht." Experts back in Britain are now working to isolate the problem in the hope of getting the Teesside crew back on track later in the week.

The Nuclear Electric crew. which has led this second stage of the race for the past three weeks, has held a course almost parallel to the 52°

RICHARD Merriweather South way-point each yacht has had to round midway between Cape Horn and Tasmania, while their dosest rivals have tacked south on a shorter but colder route to Hobart.

Richard Tudor, the skipper of British Steel II, which also slipped ahead of Nuclear Elecsupped anead of Nuclear Elec-tric yesterday, reported: "We are experiencing 50 knot headwinds and huge seas. We are really taking a pounding, but holding things together. We are on edge while in icehere tarritory." iceberg territory.

There is maximum vigi-lance with three crew on the freezing deck acting as watchouts and two more below watching the radar. The time

watching the radar. The time for sleep is getting short with so much to do."
LEADING POSTRONS (at 15.00 GMT Vesterday, with miles to Hobort): 1, Commercia Union (Fl Montwesther), 3,109 miles, 2, British Steel II (Fl Tudor), 3,138, 3, Nuclear Electric (J Cristenderi), 3,140; 4, Hobbiau Lager (F Gossi), 3,175, 5, Coopers & Lybrard (Y Chenry), 3,252, 7, Group 4, Securias (M Golding), 3,307, 8, Pride of Teesside (I MocCalinrav), 3,490; 9, Interspray (P Joffos), 3,672; 10, Rhone-Poulenc (P Philips) 3,789



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BBC1

6.30 BBC Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer present news and topical

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical

10.00 News, regional news and weather (3845448) 10.05 Playdays. For

the very young (s) (9171581)

10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Megazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition

12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmersh is joined by actress Britt Eldand (s) (8449500) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65653158) 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceetax) Weather (82644) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetax) (s) (21094516) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceetax)

2.20 Starsky and Hutch. The two policemen go undercover as

starts and hards. The two policemen go undercover as stuntmen when investigating a series of mysterious deaths among a group of actors (f) (6918149) 3.10 Prinnetime presented by Roy Castle and Maggle Philbin. A Christmas special includes guests Janet Brown, the BBC Big Band and Desmond Morris who talks about the meaning of Christmas traditions (7271013)

3.50 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour (s) (8362167) 3.55 Radio Roo. Episode

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 5.00 Newsround (9732041) 5.05 Grange Hill. Secondary school drame serial (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7557069)
 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (278968). Northern ireland: Inside Lister

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (535)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (887). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (5603)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Kate Bellingham reports from Coventry on

new linds in a quarry that are changing people's minds about when the first people arrived in Britain; and Judith Hann is in Thailand to see how the city of Bangkok copes with the ever-present threat of

flooding. (Ceefax) (s) (871)

8.00 The Two Ronnies. Messrs Corbett and Barker ere joined by singer Stephania Lawrence and actress Medge Hindle (r). (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (370968) 9.90 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (48704516)

reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and

subject (2821448) 9.45 Ross King. Game show with members of the cast and audience from the pantomine at Hawth Theatre,

includes a romantic story, consumer affairs and Claire Rayner's phone-in agony aunt advice. With News (Ceefax), regional news

6.00 Ceefax (58158)

travel bulletins (40947974)

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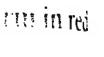
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Career moves: Helen Slater and Michael J. Fox (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) starring Michael J. Fox and Helen Stater. Likable but over-long comedy about a naive but bright young man from the sticks who hustles his way up the corporate tacker in big business New York. Directed by Herbert

Ross. (Ceetax) (a) (395239) 11.20 International Showjumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia, leaturing the Modern Security Systems Christmas Turkey stakes (a) (204603)

12.10am Weether (5691746). Ends at 12.15 2.15 BBC Select Accountancy Television. Scrambled (538433). Ends at 3.15 4.00 TV Edits — Deutschland Heute 5. Scrambled (5910098), Ends at 4.50

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5094784) 8.15 Westminster (5183871) 9.00 Film: The Inside Story (1948, b/w) starring William Lundigen and Charles Winninger. Warm-hearted tale of how, during the Depression, a stolen \$1,000 is put to good use in a small Vermont town before being returned to its rightful owner the next day. Directed by Allan Dwan (6188719)

10.25 Film: No Men of Her Own (1950, b/w) starring Barbara Starrwyck and John Lund. Turgid melodrama of a pregnent woman who assumes another's identity and is then blackmalled by her former

lover. Directed by Mitchell Lessen (72973806)

12.00 Look Stranger. Derek and Jeannie Tangye explain why they went to live in a derelict Cornish cliff-top cottage (r) (6289245)

12.20 The Royal Institute Christmas Lectures. Dr Richard Dawkins suggests that Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection was the greatest idea to occur to the human mind (r) (s) (2975245)

Greenclaws (r) (40112142) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace. Lite in the 1940s and 1950s (37355284)
2.00 News and weather (88122245) 2.05 A Wood For the Trees.
Grizedale Forest, Cumbria (44403993) 2.35 Country File (r)

(9771603) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7550142) 3.05 Westminster Live (9917697) 3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5710055) 4.00 Catchword (s) (500) 4.30 Behind the Headlines. Linda Agran asks if there is a scientific

basis to astrology (784) 5.00 International Showkumping from Olympia (s) (8451) 5.30 Landscapes of England. The Black Country (r) (277239)



Standing up for human rights: Juliet Stevenson (5.55pm)

5.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Actress Juliet Stevenson on the pight of someone imprisoned for their beliefs (166852)
6.00 Star Treit. Vintage science fiction drama series (r) (150535)
6.50 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World's Islands. Magenta De Vine

and Rajan Datar explore the Philippines (s) (487871)

7.46 Open Space: Full Frontal.

© CHOICE: Sue Piper of British Naturism brevely bares all and makes the case for living without clothes. The first to admit that she

makes the case for living without clothes. The first to admit that she is rather on the large siza, Piper says she was more embarrassed trying to get fitted for a wedding dress than she ever is about nuclity. Her argument, supported by fellow naturists also willing to face the camera in the raiv, is that the birthday suit is not only an escape from the materialism of modern life but a social leveller. Along the way the film offers a visit to one of the first naturist clubs in Britain, a sideways glance at Health and Efficiency magazine and memories of a nudist cinema classic of the 1950s called, appropriately, Travelling Light. Piper's honest and skillful advocacy will do much to rescue the subject from the sniggerers but whether it will win converts is another matter. (Caelax) (s) (554993)

8.10 Bookmaric Serbian Epics.

OCHOICE: As the warring factions pick over the remains of the former Yugoslavia, the Serbs continue to be cast as the principal villains. This film, which concentrates on Serbian history and culture, tries to restore the balance. At times it is almost a perty political broadcast for the Serbian party. There is no reason why the Serb case should not be given but as presented here it tends to project the story of Bosnia as a triumph for the march of Serban nationalism which has been temporarily interrupted by some awkward Muslims. In any case this is a puzzling programme for a slot devoted to literature. Admittedly the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Dr Radovan Karadzic, is a post. He also looks the double of Terry Venables. But we hear much more about Serbia's military

Terry Vensbles. But we hear much more about Serbia's military leats than we do about its writers (24/603)

9.00 Witchcraft. The concluding spisode of Nigel Williams's period thriller starring Peter McEnery and Alan Howard (8) (2351)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (895719)

11.15 Prisoners of Conscience. Shown at 5.55 (153500)

11.20 Self Exposure: Locked Up Time (b/w). Film director Sibylie Schonemann returns to eastern Germany to controot the nameless persecutors who locked her up for asking for an add visa (268887)

12.55am Behind the Headlines (7) (5607307) 1.25 Weather (3474949)

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6.00 TV-am (5595835) 9,25 Keynotes. Music game hosted by Allstair Divall (6606142) 9,55 Thames News (9260429)

10.00 Film: The Undergrade (1985) starring Art Carney and Chris Makepeace. A bland Disney comedy adventure about a 63-year-old man who enrols with his grandson at their local university. Directed by Steven Hilliard Stern (57367239) 11.55 Regional News (6899790)

12.00 Cartoon Time (1411332) 12.10 Alisorts, Children's entertainment (r) (s) (6109055)
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 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in an Australian outback town (s) (494968)
 2.15 Graham Kerr. The chel prepares a New Zealand version of Engäsh

Christmas pudding (582177) 2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama series (9691413) 3.10 ITN News headlines (7641448) 3.15 Regional News (7640719) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in an Australian city

hospital (3488852 3.50 Cartoon (1814345) 3.55 Rupert the Bear, Animation (5829429) 4.20 Grothags starring Carol Lee Scott as the wicked witch (2955413) 4.40 The Tomorrow People. Last episode of the science fiction drama. (Oracle) (8876968) Famous People, Famous Places. Quiz game presented by William G. Stewart (1353626)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (243887) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (603) 6.30 Thames News (555) 7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emotional surprise on control or springs and emotional surprise on control or springs.

another unsuspecting worthy (s) (7871)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (239)



A 30-year career in show business: Neil Dismond (8.00cm)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer is joined by singer/songwriter Neil Diamond, actor lan McShane, pop star Lisa Stansfield and comedians Jethro and Tony Hawks (s) (2245) 9.00 Prime Suspect 2. The concluding part of the sequel to the award-winning police drama starting Helan Mirren as a detective chief inspector in charge of a complex murder enquiry. Continues after the news. (Oracle) (9581) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle)

Weather (22055) 10.30 Regional News (458887) 10.40 Prime Suspect 2 continued (544968)

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11.40 The Royal Film Performance. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend a showing of Sir Richard Attenborough's Chaplin, at the Odeon, Leicester Squere (706167)
12.15am Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (52727)
12.45 Film: Embassy (1985) sterring Nick Mancuso, Eli Wallach and Mimi Rogers. A made-for-television pilot for a spy thriller series and the device the state of the American

about the trials and tribulations of the deputy chief of the American embassy in Rome. Directed by Robert Michael Lewis (199475) 2.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Initiation. A tale with a twist (r)

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2.50 America's Top Ten presented by Richard Blade (s) (9491748)
3.15 Videofashion. The latest menswear (40835811)
3.40 Quiz Night, inter pub and club competition (82051730)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville, Tennessee (r) (80474307)
4.40 Hitly Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (62248889)
5.00 Three's a Crowd, American comedy sequel to Three's Company, starring John Ritler (25982)
5.30 JTN Morning News with Tim Neilson (74369). Ends at 6.00

can civil wer drams (\$2871) 9.00 The Joker In Wild (1957): Biopic of nightclub performer Joe E. Lewis (14177)

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(1990): An orphen wants a father (49351) 9.00 Pick-a-Filicic Revecasi of Fortier

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (29158) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (94887) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6603897)
9.25 Film: Strike Me Pink (1936, b/w) starring Eddle Cantor and Ethel Merman. Musical comedy about a timid tailor who undergoes a

merman. Musical comedy about a bind failor who undergoes a change of personality and takes over the management of an amusement park. Directed by Norman Tausog (57347581)

11.10 Table Tennis. An exotic view of a professional match (3421516)

11.30 Credo. The Dutch Chief Rabbi Abraham Soetendorp on the revival of liberal Judaism in his country (1055)

12.00 The Pertilement Programme presented by Anne Perkins (29968) 12.30 Sesame Street Early-learning series (27429) 1.30 Eureeka's Castle. Children's entertainment (r) (36790)



Rounding-up a flock of admirers: Google Withers (2.00pm)

2.00 Film: The Loves of Joanna Godden (1947, b/w) starring Google Withers and John McCallum. Ealing drama set at the turn of the Withers and John McCallum. Ealing drama set at the turn of the century about a young woman who inherits a sheep farm on Romney Marsh Screenpley by H.E. Bates, based on the novel by Sheila Kaye-Smith and directed by Charles Frend (977333)

3.40 The Three Stooges in Fiddlers Three (1947, b/w) (5831264)

4.30 Fitthert To One. Fast-moving knock-out quiz show (s) (552)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are members of tamilles who have not seen each other for years (s) (8472069)

5.55 The Magle Roundabout narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (284448)

6.00 Treasure Hunt in Switzerland (r). (Teletext) (49210)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (890581) 7.50 Comment from George O'Neill, wrongly accused of sexually abusing his daughters three times (155806)

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8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap (7061)

8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy stays in the King's Apartment at Hampton Court Palace; Simon Hoggart is in Devon; and Robert Elms samples the delights of Prague (3528) 9.00 Dispatches.

 CHOICE: In a report calculated to make us feel good about gorging ourselves during the lestive season, Dispatches investigates the diet industry and suggests that dieting can often be bad, it makes the startling claim that as many as 95 per cent of diets fail in the long term. More than that, there is evidence of an increased risk of heart disease among those who diet, put on weight and then diet again. David Garner, a professor of psychiatry,

declares: "There are almost no boundaries to the dieting industry's claims, but almost all are baloney." Which does not prevent a booming market in books and videos about deeting and supposedly weigh-reducing foods. The film also reveals a significant increase in dieting among children, even as young as ten. But former dieters say trying to take off pounds only made them miserable (107245) 9.45 Short and Curlies: Dear Roste (b/w). The story of a writer who is a reluctant success in the diet-book world (r) (590974)

10.00 The Golden Girle. More comedy from the Miami matrons.

10.00 The Golden talies. More company from the Miller Insulation (Teletext) (s) (20697)

10.30 Hale and Pace. Last in the comedy series (r) (63595)

11.00 The Prisoner. Cult drama series (r). (Teletext) (32121)

12.00 Pattas. Episode two of the five-part spoof scap (r) (s) (1688814)

12.15am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). The guests are Red Skelton, Jerry

12.15em (the Steve Altert Show (own). The guess are risd skerton, Jerry Lewis and Belle Montrose (50369) 12.45 The Best of the Worst. More cringe-making moments from American film and television (a) (42340) 1.15 Film: Rott Kapda aur Makan (1974), Hinoi drama starring and directed by Manoj Kumar (58431814). Ends at 4.15

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SCREENSPORT

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Gary Davies Goes Into the Night 12.00-4.00em Bob Hants (FM only)

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
Some World Service 6.30 Denny Baker's
Morning Edition 8.30 Chein Reaction 10.80

Johnnie Walter 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Updage 1.10 1.2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 BFBS
Worldwide 2.30 A Game of Two Halves 4.30 Five Aside 6.30 The Nacraclear and the
Mouseiding, by E.T.A. Hoffmann (2/4) (r) 7.15 The Conjuror's Game, by Catherine Fisher (3/5)
7.30 Gary Lineker's Football Night 10.10 Fit the North 12.00 News; Sport

CLASSIC FM

Susannah Smors 2.00pm Lunchime Concertors Annol (Guitar Concerto): Shostaleunch (Symphony No 6) 3.00 Petroc Trelaumy 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Book Browts 8.00 Classic PM Concert Israel PO under Martia, Includes Chopin (Piaro Concerto No 1: Murray Peraha); Schumann (Symphony No 1, Spring) 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souze.
Including Shostelcovich
(Scherzo in F sharp minor. Op
1); Firnsloy-Korsakov (Suite,
Christmas Eve); Johann David
Heimchen (Pastorale per la
Notte di Natale); Liszt (March
of the Three Holy Kings,
Christus); Puccini (La Bohème,
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9.00 Composer of the Week:
Vivaldi — Schools, Hospitals
and Churches, Including,
Manne, Lauris reading extracts Martin Jarvis reading extracts from the journal of Edward Wright's visit to Venice in the 1720s. In turbata mare itaro, RV627 (Tafelmusik Baroque) Orchestra under Jeanne Lamon, with Emma Kirkby, soprano); Concerto in C. RV144; Concerto per la Solennità di San Lorenzo. RV556 (Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott); Magnificat, RV610 (Tatelmusik Baroque tra and Chamber Choir under Jeanne Lamon) (r)

Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Shostakovich (Overture, The Gedfly); Haydn (Overture, The Gedfly): Haydh (Symphony No 16 in B flat); Saint-Saèns (Romance, Op 37); Mozari (Regma coeli, K108), Fauré (Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115); Ethel Smyth (Mrs Waters' Aria, The Boatswain's Metre); Roleidieu (Overture, Le Calife de Bagdad); Beethoven (Manuet in G. WoO10 No 2); Gordon Jacob (Bassoon Concerto); Shostakovich Contrectanse: National loliday; Waltz, The Gadily)

12.00 Nikolaeva Playa Mozart:
Tatiana Nikolaeva, piano, with
the BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Alexander
Gibson, performs Haydn
(Symphony No 49 in F minor,
La Passione): Mozart (Piano (a Passione): Mozert (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat,

1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from
Broadcasting House, London,
New London Children's Choir
under Ronald Corp, with Caryl
Thomas, harp, performs Britten
(King Herrod and the Cock;
Sweet was the Song; Fande;
New Year Carol); William
Matrias (Santa Fe Suite);
David Home (The Burning

Babs); Britten (A Ceremony of Carols) 2.00 Record Review (r)

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3.30 Eiger and the Gramophone:
In the third of eight
programms, Malcolm
Ruthven compares two
recordings of Eiger's Second
Symphony by the
Gramophone Company, the
second using Western
Electric's new electrical
recording process recording process
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from
Waltham Abbey, sung by the
choir of Chelmsford Cethedral
5.00 In Tune: Michael Berkaley

5.00 In Firms: Michael Berkardy presents music, news, weath and arts stories, and talks to the bartione Olaf Bar 7.30 Michael's Violin Concertos: in the second of two programmes, Camerata Academica of the Salzburg Mozarteum under Thomas Zehetmair, violin, performs Mozart (Concerto No 3 in G. K216); Kerl Amadeus Hartmann (Concerto funèbre); Mozart (Concerto No 5 in A,

Mozart (Concerto No 5 in A, K219)
8.50 The Gospel According to Piero: The Flagelletton. The third of five nightly talks by Professor John White on Piero della Francesca 8.55 Songs of Praise: Andrew Ball, piero, plays Gerald Barry (Triorchic Bises): Anthony Payne (Pasan); Neville Bower (Prism); Simon Rowland-Jones (Sonsta, 1981)
9.45 Helsindi University Choir under Matti Hyokki, in a recital given earlier this month at St. John's, Smith Square, London, sings Scandinavian choral music by Sibelius, Helninen, Linjama and Bergman

Bergman 10.45 Night Waves: Simon Hewison

sents reviews of The Gifts presents reviews of The Giffs of the Gorgon by Peter Shaffer, directed for the RSC by Sir Peter Halt; and David Pountney's English National Opera production of Janacek's The Adventures of Mr Bourcek 11.30 Schumenn — The Year 1842: The last of three

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88 (Borodin Trio); String
Quartet in A. Op 41 No 3
(Melos Quartet)
12.30-12.35am News FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053id-tz/285m;1089id-tz/275m; FM-97.6-69.8. Radio 2: FM-89-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198id-tz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693id-tz/433m; 909id-tz/330m. LBC: 1152id-tz/261m; FM-97.3. Capitat: 1548id-tz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458id-tz/205m; FM-94.9; World Development Ethic Ethiology FM-94.9; World Development
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RADIO 4 by Andrew Rissik. With James Aubrey as Billy Hindle (s) (r) 2.47 Treasure Islands, introduced by Michael Rosen. Robert Westell talks about his award-winning books, including The Machine Gurners, Bilizcat and Stomesorch (d)

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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Flying the Flag: Alex
Shearer's comedy-drama,
staring Dinsdale Landen as
MacKenzie (a) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (r)
7.20 Costing the Earth (s) (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age (r)
8.45 Tolstoy — At War and
Peace: The life story of the
Russian author, compiled by
Michael Bakewell from his

Michael Bakewell from his letters and diaries, and the words of his family and friends. With Norman Rodway as Count Leo Totstoy and Anna Mangarian Stranger

Anna Massey as Solya (s) 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World

Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s) 10.45 A Book at Badtime: Men with No Eyes, by Fay Weldon, Julie Christie reads the finel part (s)

11.00 The Friend in the Corner.
The fourth of six programmes on a year in radio's history explores 1956. The BBC embaries on a Journey Into

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(a) Stereo on FM
5.58am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.85, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 Yesterday in
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9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with
Libby Purves and birthday
guest Dr Mary Archer (s)
10.00-10.30 News; This Happy
Breed: Men at War (Fill only)
6 CHOICE: The truth of what
Dryden said about men — that
they are "but children of a
larger growth" — is brought
home to reporter Jennifer
Holden, the only woman on
boerd the guided-missila
destroyer HMS York as she
pushes her nose out into the 3.00 File on 4 (f) 3.42 The Parts: Alun Lewis reports on the techology of make-up 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope talks to St Richard Attenborough about his film biopic of Charlie Chapfin; reviews the week's other film releases; and visits Norwich cathedral (s)
4.45 Short Story; Sisters, by Elizabeth Taylor. Read by Shella Mitchell

oushes her nose out into the English Chennel. In her new series about how men behave when they live or work together, she discovers that so long as fighting ships remain predominantly all-male preserves, men can go on fuffiling the adventurous dreams of boyhood. Bring on the women, she is told, and

men can no longer go on acting like fittle boys (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): John Milton's poem (31/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour discusses the 10.30 Woman's Hour oraclesses are male menopause, and the latest leenage craze for wearing children's dummies. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time:
A postbag edition (f)

12.00 You and Yours: Sally Hawkins con

concludes the series on poverty in Britain with a report social exclusion felt by the poor 12.25pm The Comedians, by Graham Greene. Second of an eight-part dramatisation by René Basilico (s) 12.55 Westhar

Weather

1.00 The World at One, with
James McNaughtie

1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.56
Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Psychodelic Spy.
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Comedy Bookcase: Extracts from Cold Comfort Famility Stella Gibbons, and from Nile Bodies by Evelyn Waugh 10.00 Edmundo Ros (r) 10.30 The Jemesons 12.05am Jacz Parade: A week at Montarrey '92 12.35-4.00 Stave Medicien with Night Ride

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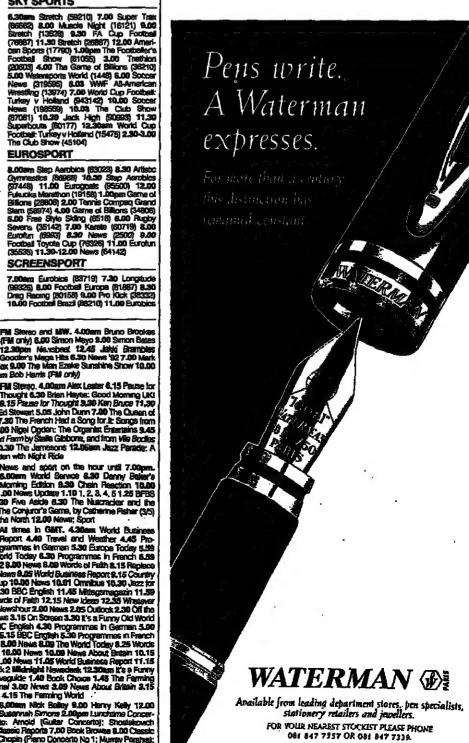
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London ready to stage Lewis's crowning glory

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

LENNOX Lewis will be officially crowned the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion in the first week of January. Jose Sulaiman, the body's president, said yesterday. It will be a grand affair. All the president's men from the WBC national federations will come to London to see Sulaiman give Lewis the title that the council took away from Riddick Bowe, the world champion, on Monday for refusing to defend against

occasion." Sulaiman said, because Lewis is taking back the title another Englishman, Bob Fitzsimmons, won in 1897. We will make a big celebration.

It looks a clear case of the WBC rewarding Lewis for doing the right thing and the council's belt in the dustbin (although the champion is said to have retrieved it and taken it back with him to New York on Monday) and reneging on a written undertaking he had given the world body that he would make his first defence against Lewis.

Lewis is delighted that he has been declared champion. So far as he is concerned, and many boxing people as well, he did not win the title by default. He won it in the ring when he knocked out Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in two rounds in London in November. Lewis took the bout with Ruddock after Bowe refused to meet the most feared heavyweight in the world and

World Boxing Association. eliminator against Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, having first signed to meet the winner of the WBC final

Sulaiman said at the time that if Bowe or Evander Holyfield, who was champion then, failed to carry out the terms of the deal, the Lewis-Ruddock encounter would be considered a world title bout. In the event, Bowe beat Holyfield and made Lewis a less-than-fair offer of \$3 million, instead of \$8 million, and when Lewis turned that down, the champion claimed it was Lewis, and not he, who had reneged. When Lewis changed his mind over the \$3 million purse, the offer was no longer on the table.

Sulaiman said: "How can he Bowel say he is the world champion when he does not fight Lennox Lewis, who beat him in the Olympic Games. I feel very sad and disappointed that has made bad remarks about the WBC and myself. We were the first to make Bowe No. I and offer him a fight with Ruddock."

seems right and proper. In the beneficiary of the machinations of promoters, managers and administrators. Curiously, it has worked out well for

everybody - except Lewis. Don King, a close friend of Sulaiman, who has been out of the heavyweight scene since Evander Holyfield took the title from James "Buster" Douglas, is back in the pic-



Worlds apart: Lewis, left, the WBC champion, comes face to face with Nick Faldo on holiday in Jamaica yesterday as the No. 1 golfer prepares for a tournament there

Tucker, is No. I WBC contender. Lewis must face him first. The Main Event promotions group, which has two options on Lewis and three on Bowe, is not worried about Lewis beating Bowe and re-ducing its world title options to

bouts and could have a finger in a sixth, the unifier in 1994. Meanwhile, Bowe can cash in

The only loser might be Lewis, the man who has behaved in an exemplary fashion throughout - set his goals and achieved them without using titles as bargaining he might find it difficult

chips. If he meets Tucker in March, the bout will be in Las Vegas. Tucker, a former champion who took Mike Tyson the distance, is experienced and tough and even though Lewis should beat him as clearly as he is capable of beating anyone in the top ten,

Maloney said yesterday: "I can say Lennox's next fight for the title will almost certainly be in Las Vegas in early March. decision, we are thinking of Alex Stewart, Ray Mercer and

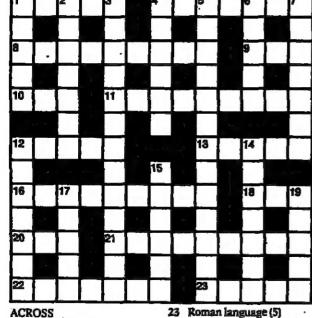
Let us hope, for Lewis's sake. that Maloney gets his new year wish. Sulaiman has said that Lewis will not be allowed but have to face Tucker. "It is the third year in which the heavyweight title has not had a mandatory defence," he

see the two best fighters. Lennox is willing but Bowe is not willing. Lennox must defend against Tony Tucker first, otherwise we would not have been right to strip

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20 Lorry driver's licence (1,1,1) 21 Darken (9) 22 Escapist (7)

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ACROSS: I Skived 5 Regime 8 Emit 9 Chutzpah 10 Sla-lom 12 Type 15 Quick tempered 16 Ugly 17 Abrupt 19 Obstruct 21 Jape 22 Snared 23 Demure DOWN: 2 Kim il Sung 3 Vet 4 Decimate 5 Rout 6 Gazet-teer 7 Moa 11 Lucky star 13 Pied Piper 14 Impacted

MINIMUM MOVE

Candle spill (5)

Drinkable (7)

Syringa (5)

12 Affected (7)

15 In a line (6)

7 Unmoved (3-4)

In time sequence (13)

14 Plant starter mixture (7)

17 River embankment (5)

19 Make broader (5)

By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent This position is a possible tournament. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500.

conclusion of the game Plaskett - Mestel, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87. Former British champion James Plaskett is very dangerous in attacking situations. This is a fine example - how can he finish black off in this position? British grandmasters Nunn and Speelman will be among the eight players in the top section at this year's Hastings

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WIND-WATCHING By PHILIP HOWARD

PASSEL

a. A parcel b. Pepper, not salt c. To jump and spin on roller-skates

RESPONAUT a. A great non-co-operator b. A patient dependent on a

c. A life-boat sailor

Glutimous rice b. A small ornamental fowl c. A New Guinea language BINANT a. Half of a circle

He is also hoping for a "race of pride" next year against Carl Lewis, his predeb. An amphibian c. A pocket sextant cessor as Olympic 100 metres Answers on page 31

second-string vote

By Louise Taylor

sion? That is the question which will engage the minds of its 22 chairmen when they meet in London this morning Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, has written to dubs suggesting the formation of a Premier League second division, and his counterparts will be asked to vote

on the proposal today. The consensus seems to be that the Noades plan, which thus far has lacked backing from the Football Association. will be rejected - for the moment Yet as one Barciays League club chairman said yesterday: "A second division of the Premier League will almost certainly happen, prob-ably in two-and-a-half years'

The Football League, however, believes that its leading clubs are not about to defect. As an adjunct to the Premier League, their voting rights would be severely restricted and if they were offered ten per

SHOULD the Premier cent of Premier League in-Noades - dubs would be much better off remaining in the League's first division.

David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, will also propose that the Premier League be restricted to 18 members, but that will not go to the vote

It is the first meeting of the 22 chairmen since Noades inspired a walk-out of their last get-together in September, when eight clubs blocked a central £10 million sponsor ship package on offer from

☐ Gordon Durie, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, appeals against a conviction of feigning injury by the Football Association (FA) today. The FA must decide wheth-

er to implement or revoke a three-match suspension for cheating imposed nine weeks ago. Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, will defend Durie.

Premier League in Aberdeen need to deny Rangers

By Roddy Forsyth

ABERDEEN will attempt to block Rangers' seemingly inexorable march towards when they meet the Scottish champions in a rearranged fixture at Pittodrie tonight. Aberdeen lie second in the table ahead of Celtic on goal difference and four points behind Rangers, but the Ibrox team have a game in hand against Dundee United and a victory tonight would put them in an extremely commanding position one game short of the halfway stage in

their league programme. On recent form. Aberdeen can regard themselves as the most serious pretenders to Rangers' crown, but whether they also have the necessary consistency is a matter still to be resolved. When the teams first met at Ibrox on August 29. Aberdeen looked resolute when they led by a goal from Aitken at half-time, but they collapsed under Rangers pressure after Durrant equalised and were lucky to escape with a 3-1 defeat. In the Skol

Cup final in October, they

ball into his own net.

The same tendency to undo good work was seen on Saturday when Aberdeen visited Tammadice to play Dundee United, who had not been beaten by their northern neighbours for two years. Aberdeen led 2-0 with 15 minutes to go but allowed United to come back into the game and force a draw. The Aberdeen manager,

Willie Miller, said yesterday: There is no point in us playing good football and scoring spectacular goals if we let teams off the hook and this is something I have spoken to the players about a few times this season. If we had taken two points on Saturday, we would have been in a position to reduce the gap between ourselves and Rangers to one point, but our consolation is that there is a long way to go

"We have to meet Rangers three times and Celtic twice

pace into extra-time and the contest seemed certain to proceed to a penalty kick decider the former St Johnstone man-their clubs can compete with when the young Aberdeen ager who became the first Rangers and Celtic, some-defender, Smith, headed the premier division managerial thing which is absolutely im-

casualty of the season when he was dismissed on Monday, has received widespread support and sympathy from other Scottish managers. Totten was sacked because his chairman, Geoff Brown, believed the club was failing to make progress, despite the fact that they lie seventh in the table and had lost only one fixture in their previous seven

Alex MacDonald, the man-

possible but which breeds fear amongst managers."

Alan McGraw, the Morton manager, said: "I wouldn't treat a dog the way Alex Totten was treated Geoff Brown, who claims to be his friend. Unless clubs have enormous sums of money to spend. they will never be able to live alongside Rangers and Celtic. but there are a few chairmen who don't seem to be able to accept that fact."

Christie to end career with lucrative sponsorship deal

By JOHN GOODBODY

LINFORD Christie will be paid a total of £500,000 to wear Puma shoes and clothing for his last two years in international sprinting It is probably the biggest

equipment-deal signed by a British athlete, and is the latest example of the popularity of the Olympic 100 metres champion and his ability to make money now that he has set up his own agency to represent himself and other competitors.

Christie, who has been voted both athlete and sportsman of the year, and Colin Jackson, the European and Commonwealth 110 metres hurdles champion, will lead Poma's E3 million advertising and promotions campaign in Britain, which will begin in

Christie, 33, is planning for two final seasons of international sprinting which will include the 1993 world and European championships and the Commonwealth Games in 1994.

the event in Barcelona because he failed to qualify at the United States trials. Christie said: "This is a race out on top. I know I will not that is going to happen. I would like it to be held at a win another Olympics."

meeting in Britain." Howeyer, he said he would also consider taking part in three races: one in the United States, one in the United Kingdom and one on neutral territory. "It will be a very sad day

when I retire but I have to have a realistic limit. My



ambition has always been to be the greatest athlete Britain has produced and I want to go

Christie has been preparing for his career after 1994 by setting up an agency with Jackson called Nuff Respect. They want to show that they are not just "athletics bimbos", and have saved themselves the 15to 25 per cent of an agent's fees.

Mark McKoy, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion from Canada, has joined them and they have had enquiries from other athletes, footballers and rugby players. Not only is the agency a lucrative enterprise when the two British athletes are competing, but there is also the possibility of them going into business full-time after retirine from competition. Christie said: "When you finish your athletics career it can sometimes be difficult to find

Christie and Jackson have also set up a fan club, called LCJ, which will work independentiy of the agency. Christie receives about 200 fan letters

Golf safely over its first hazard

Lausanne: The programme commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday took a first step towards including golf in the 1996 Olympics. The Atlanta organisers are proposing that 72-hole tournaments for men and women should be held over the Augusta National course, which hosts the Masters, with entry open to both amateurs and professionals.

The commission chairman, Philippe Chatrier, of France, said the 16-member panel had agreed unanimously to forward the formal application from the World Amateur Golf Council to a meeting of the IOC executive board in March. If the proposal passes there, a full committee session in June must give final approval.

Billy Payne, chairman of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, acknowledged yesterday that there was some work to do to defuse controversy over the venue.

The Atlanta city council recently voted against the plan because of the make-up of Augusta's membership - it has one black and no women



Not quite an Annus mirabilis, but close.

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